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GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS TO FAST TRACK UNI

Under a new NSW Government plan, students finishing HSC subjects before Year 12 will now have the opportunity to fast track degree studies by studying university subjects at school.

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, said the new HSC-University Pathways program will allow gifted and talented students to experience university study early.

“The NSW Board of Studies developed the program in cooperation with the University of New South Wales, Macquarie University and the University of New England, and will commence in Semester 1 next year,” Ms Firth said.

“Students will have an impressive 23 university subjects to choose from including Egyptian Archaeology, Biology 1 and Ecology.

“Participating universities will deliver these subjects on a no charge basis or under HECS-HELP.

“HSC-University Pathways aims to extend to all gifted and talented HSC students, regardless of their home location or the type of school they attend.

“One of the great things about this program is its flexibility – students can study by distance or attend a university campus.

“Subjects studied in the program can count as university credits, which could help students fast track their future undergraduate degrees.”

For more details, go to: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/pathways.html