

BOARD OUTCOMES



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Meeting 9

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The proposal for the **National Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs** is close to completion. There is strong support for a national approach and general support for the principles and intent of the program standards. There has been ongoing discussion and further consultation on key elements raised by Ministers in April 2010, including entry standards and assessment to ensure the quality of graduates, the structure and content of programs and requirements around public information, sharing good practice and strengthening professional experience placements. The Board expects to submit recommendations with a clear work program to Ministers in April 2011.

The **National Professional Standards for Teachers** were endorsed by Ministers in December 2010 and released on 9 February. Extensive information is readily available on the AITSL website, including the establishment of a dedicated email address for direct inquiries and the work underway to develop a new web platform for information and resources. There is significant work planned on implementation, in collaboration with the profession, unions, employers, regulatory authorities, teacher educators and professional associations, with expert advice commissioned on issues and implications for jurisdictions and sectors, supporting documentation, elaborations and exemplars and principles and frameworks that can guide and support any implementation and transition processes. An Implementation Reference Group is being established.

Ministers endorsed an exposure draft of the **National Standard for Principals** in December. The exposure draft has been released for testing through application and implementation from January to May 2011. AITSL has conducted a Request for Proposal process and it is expected that up to eight pilot studies will be selected which collectively test the Standard for the intended purposes, audiences and in different education contexts. The pilots will commence as soon as possible and conclude in early May 2011, with the view to reporting on outcomes at an AITSL forum for principals on 8/9 June 2011. An expert steering group is working with renowned international educator Professor Dame Patricia Collarbone on the standard.

In 2010 AITSL conducted a Request for Quote process for the development and delivery of a national **Flagship Professional Learning Program: Supporting the Australian Curriculum**. An assessment panel has considered the submissions received and the presentations given by shortlisted consortia. Negotiations are underway with the preferred tenderer on a proposal which offers innovation in content and delivery and extensive national reach. Development will commence upon signing of the contract.

AITSL has developed a proposal for a **new National Awards Scheme** to commence in 2011 which would be aligned to the new national professional standards for teachers and national professional standard for principals. The awards encompass a shift in focus from monetary awards to international professional learning scholarships. AITSL is seeking Ministers' endorsement and agreement to participate.

There has been substantial work to update AITSL's **Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy** ahead of the third Stakeholder Forum being held in Brisbane on 12 May 2011.

The **next meeting** will be held in early March 2011.