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New National Professional Standard for Principals being road-tested

Principals, teachers, parents, community members and education leaders have been road-testing the exposure draft of the National Professional Standard for Principals (the Standard) through a series of pilot studies across Australia since February 2011.

The aim of this critical stage in the development of the Standard, which commenced in 2010, is to test its authenticity, useability and value-add in a variety of contexts and for its intended purposes. An essential element is the engagement of practising and aspiring principals.

The projects are being led by the organisations listed opposite in partnership with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

Findings from the various pilot studies will be shared with the Australian education community in mid 2011 and will inform further work on the Standard prior to finalisation later this year.

Through this process it is envisaged that Australia will have a true National Professional Standard for Principals which will provide an effective framework for professional learning, reflection on practice, and inform practices to attract, prepare and develop effective principals to lead 21st century schools.

AITSL acknowledges the professional leadership of the lead organisations and thanks those principals and other stakeholders who have contributed to the pilot studies.

For a copy of the Standard and more information about its development visit: aitsl.edu.au

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Charles Darwin University, Centre for School Leadership, Learning and Development

New South Wales Department of Education and Training

Principals Australia

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2011 Leading Australia's Schools participants announced

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) is pleased to announce the eighty participants selected for the Leading Australia's Schools program 2011. They were drawn from all states and territories, sectors and levels of schooling through a highly competitive national selection process.

Leading Australia's Schools is a world class leadership development program for school principals. The program

is based on national and international best practice and is designed to develop and extend the knowledge and skills of principals who have the potential to transform Australian schools.

Leading Australia's Schools is managed for AITSL by Hay Group and the University of Melbourne.

For more information about the program and the names of successful participants visit: aitsl.edu.au



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