

AITSL Board Meeting Report

17 March 2025

The meeting was attended by Board Directors:

- Dr Michele Bruniges (Chair)
- Mr Chris Wardlaw (Deputy Chair)
- Mr Andy Mison
- Ms Beth Blackwood
- Professor Donna Pendergast
- Dr Jennifer Buckingham
- Professor Lee Anne Perry
- Ms Renee Lammon.

Summary

Strategic Matters

CEO Report

The Board receives a report from the AITSL Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at each meeting with key updates on the delivery of AITSL's continuing work program, including corporate matters, people and culture matters, policy and program highlights, fee-for-service and international engagement activities, and stakeholder engagement activities.

The Board discussed several key issues raised in the report that are priorities in the current education environment, including:

- The need for review of the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* (Teacher Standards)
- consultation AITSL has undertaken with the Productivity Commission around the teaching workforce, professional learning and artificial intelligence (AI)
- increasing communication and collaboration in the national education architecture
- increasing engagement with key partners and stakeholders.

ITE Accreditation Standards and Procedures Review

The Board **approved** the revised *Accreditation of initial teacher education programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures* (Accreditation Standards and Procedures) for submission to Education Ministers Meeting

Early Childhood Teachers and the Teacher Standards

The Board **approved** the implementation advice prepared as part of the *Supporting implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Teacher Standards) for early childhood teachers in non-school settings* project for submission to Education Ministers.

Professional Standards for Middle Leaders

The Board discussed the *Professional Standards for Middle Leaders* (Middle Leader Standards), developed in partnership with the Queensland Department of Education, and their links to a prospective review of the Teacher Standards, optimising school design, and addressing workforce shortages.

The Board considered an approach to progressing national agreement of the Middle Leader Standards as a voluntary set of standards and agreed to receive further advice on scoping of resources to support middle leaders.

AITSL's National Standards and Frameworks

AITSL is the custodian of 11 national agreed standards and frameworks on behalf of Education Ministers. In the context of a performance audit report by the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), the Board discussed the need to develop an agreed approach to regularly review, assure, and report on the currency and effectiveness of these standards and frameworks.

The Board agreed to develop advice for Education Ministers to consider.

Commonwealth Integrity Survey Report

The Commonwealth Integrity Survey collects observations and perceptions of integrity and corruption from Commonwealth public sector employees. The Survey is conducted by the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) and administered by an independent external survey provider. It was conducted for the first time in 2024, fielding between 19 August and 20 September.

The Board **noted** AITSL's results in the Commonwealth Integrity Survey Report.

Standing Reports

Risk, Audit and Finance Committee

Under Rule 18.4 of the AITSL Constitution, the Board must establish and maintain an audit committee in accordance with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2009*.

As outlined in the Committee Charter, the Committee Chair shall report to the Board after each meeting.

The Board received the report from the Committee meeting held 11 March 2025 and:

- **noted** the report on the outcomes of the Committee meeting held 11 March 2025
 - **approved** AITSL's Financial Performance Review as of 31 December 2024
 - **noted** the 2024–25 External Audit Strategy, approved by the Committee
 - **noted** the minutes from Committee Meeting 5, held 12 November 2024.
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AITSL Impact Measurement Strategy

Every 6 months, the Board receives an update on the Impact Measurement Strategy, which presents monitoring and evaluation information for each of AITSL's programs. This internal report includes updates to AITSL's program monitoring and evaluation activities, taking into account current national initiatives and recent changes to national policy frameworks, including in Highly Accomplished and Lead teacher (HALT) certification, initial teacher education, and Indigenous cultural responsiveness.

Performance measures are detailed in the [AITSL Corporate Plan](#). Metrics against each performance measure are reported publicly in the [AITSL Annual Report](#).

The Board **noted** the AITSL Impact Measurement Strategy 6-Monthly Report.

Communications Report

At each meeting, the Board receives a report with key insights from AITSL communications activities. The report includes an overview of current campaigns and promotions, digital marketing activities, website analytics, and key media mentions.

The Board **noted** the Communications Report.

The AITSL Board next meets on 1 July 2025.
