

# AITSL BOARD MEETING REPORT

5 May 2020

## Attendance

The meeting was attended by Board Directors:

- Laureate Professor John Hattie (Chair)
- Mr Chris Wardlaw (Deputy Chair)
- Ms Beth Blackwood
- Prof. Donna Pendergast
- Dr Jennifer Buckingham
- Mr Mark Mowbray
- Ms Renez Lammon
- Mr Rob Nairn.

It was also attended by Mr David Turvey as the Department of Education, Skills and Employment Observer.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting was held by videoconference.

## Strategic Updates

- The Chair discussed with Directors their submission in response to the National Architecture Review and discussed the timelines for the review process.
- Directors were updated by the CEO on the work AITSL is undertaking in conjunction with the states and territories to leverage the National School Reform Agreement and provide bilateral assistance.
- AITSL provided an update on the High Quality Professional Learning for teachers project. The Board discussed and approved next steps for this work.
- The Directors discussed AITSL's update on the progress of the national Online Formative Assessment Initiative, which is a joint project with Education Services Australia (ESA), and the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

## COVID-19 Impacts

- AITSL shared with the Board the impacts of COVID-19 and how the company has adapted and responded to the pandemic, including successfully pivoting to online stakeholder consultation events.
- The CEO reported to Directors that AITSL has successfully transitioned its events and speaking engagements to virtual platforms, which is enabling consultation to continue. Feedback from stakeholders has been overwhelmingly positive.
- The CEO also reported that some delays have been experienced due to the time demands of hosting smaller consultation events on virtual platforms, as opposed to large, face-to-face events.

- The Board was also informed that AITSL had launched a dedicated webpage providing evidence-based tools and resources, as well as a teacher-led Facebook group that provides support to teachers and school leaders.

***The AITSL Board next meets on 23 June 2020 via videoconference.***