

## AITSL Board Meeting Report: 3 February 2017

This meeting was attended by our Board Directors: Prof John Hattie (Chair), Mr Chris Wardlaw (Deputy Chair), Prof Tania Aspland, Dr Jennifer Buckingham, Mr Tony Cook, Mr Stephen Elder, Mr Trevor Fletcher, Ms Jenny Gale, Mr Rob Nairn, Dr Geoff Newcombe and Ms Melanie Saba

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The first AITSL Board meeting for 2017 covered an extensive and ambitious agenda, providing the opportunity for our Directors to engage with significant priorities for teaching and school leadership.

The event was an extended board meeting to allow for a facilitated 'round table' where the Directors evaluated the work undertaken to date with a view to refreshing the AITSL's strategic plan.

This will be published later in the year following further development.

### **Extension of funding**

Ms Lisa Rodgers, CEO, informed the Board that the Australian Government had reconfirmed its commitment to the work of AITSL. AITSL's funding has been extended a full 12 months (to 30 June 2019). This will enable AITSL to continue with the current work programme and take a longer term view in promoting excellence so that teachers and school leaders have maximum impact on student learning in all Australian schools.

### **AITSL initiatives and resources**

#### **National Data Strategy**

Directors considered the National Data Strategy (NDS) and new developments since it was endorsed by the Ministers at Education Council in December. This included the proposed governance for the NDS Oversight Board and details on initial planning underway.

#### **The Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (TEMAG)**

Directors were provided with a general update and were asked to make decisions in regard to the teacher performance assessments (TPA). Directors approved grant funding for TPAs and endorsed the proposed approach to stage two accreditation requirements. There were also discussions around plans to evaluate the implementation of TEMAG.

#### **Principal Certification**

Following the Minister's recent direction for AITSL to explore pre-appointment principal certification, AITSL presented a paper on the topic. The paper presented an update to Directors on the Minister's direction to AITSL and outlined the proposed process for initiating the development of certification.

Directors discussed key elements of the paper and provided feedback on possible invitees for a round table to ensure a wide range of views and perspectives will be included in the conversation.

#### **National Teacher Certification**

Directors discussed the AITSL paper: *Taking the lead: national certification of Australia's best teachers*. Directors agreed that the next steps would be for the paper to be considered by the Certifying Authorities Network, with a view to a wider release at the upcoming HALT Summit in March.

#### **New AITSL releases to the profession**

A range of new AITSL resources targeting teachers and school leaders was shared with Directors. These included the Teacher Self-Assessment Tool (Teacher SAT) and the new [My Induction app](#) and [Induction Spotlight](#), all of which will be rolled out in February.