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Independent Schools Australia announces new CEO

Independent Schools Australia (ISA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Margery Evans as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Independent Schools Australia Board Chair, Mr Michael Jones OAM, said, "The appointment of Ms Evans follows an extensive recruitment process and I am delighted to welcome her into this key leadership role. Margery Evans brings to ISA a wealth of experience and expertise in Australian schooling, education and government policy relations; and she is highly respected within the national education community."

Ms Evans has most recently been Academic Director of Aga Khan Education Services, headquartered in France, overseeing academic standards and reform across a network of over 200 schools and 95,000 students in multiple countries throughout the developing world.

Prior to this Ms Evans was the inaugural CEO of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). Under her leadership AITSL successfully introduced a range of national workforce reforms including Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and Principals and initial teacher education programs.

Ms Evans has also worked in senior roles for the Western Australian, South Australian and Victorian departments of education, and has a background as a teacher and school principal.

The appointment of Ms Evans follows the recent renaming of the Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) to Independent Schools Australia (ISA). This comes after a thorough review of all policies and procedures and the implementation of a new constitution and governance model.

Mr Jones said that, "For 50 years our organisation has been a leader in advocacy and research for Independent schools, and ISA will continue to provide a strong and committed national voice for the sector."

Ms Evans will commence with Independent Schools Australia on 21 September 2020.

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