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INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA WELCOMES DR MICHELE BRUNIGES AS AITSL CHAIR

Independent Schools Australia (ISA) welcomes the appointment of Dr Michele Bruniges AM as the new Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) by Education Minister Jason Clare.

ISA Chief Executive Officer Mr Graham Catt congratulated Dr Bruniges on her appointment as Chair of AITSL.

“Dr Bruniges brings more than 40 years’ experience as a teacher and senior government administrator to this important role,” Mr Catt said.

“After working as a teacher in the NSW public school system, TAFE and the Adult Migrant Education Service, she was appointed to lead the ACT Department of Education and Training, NSW Department of Education and Communities and the Australian Government Department of Education as Secretary of Education.

“Dr Bruniges’ knowledge of the education sector, combined with system management experience at both state and national levels, will be invaluable in effectively leading AITSL, whose commitment to quality teaching and school leadership defines the national profession, setting high standards.

“The Independent school sector looks forward to a continued relationship with AITSL at a time of great transformation in Australian schools.

Mr Catt also paid tribute to departing AITSL Chair, Melbourne Laureate Professor John Hattie.

“As Chair of AITSL since July 2014, Professor Hattie has been a powerful advocate for the teaching profession and development of school education in Australia in his drive to improve student outcomes.

“His international reputation as an advocate for education reform is well deserved. ISA thanks him for his outstanding work.”

ISA is the national peak body representing 1,209 Independent schools with 688,638 enrolled students (full time equivalent), accounting for approximately 17 per cent of Australian school enrolments, employing 115,000 teachers.

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