

# Teacher registration review begins

The process will attempt to standardise teacher registration and requirements nation-wide, **ET staff**

**W**ith a review of teacher registration now agreed upon by all education ministers,

The National Review of Teacher Registration Expert Panel has commenced the first stages of the process, meeting to agree upon ways of working.

The review makes a lot of sense, and an attempt at standardising teacher registration and the even application of the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* across the nation has been met with cautious enthusiasm by professional bodies like The Australian College of Educators (ACE).

ACE CEO Helen Jentz said any changes to the teacher registration process must benefit the entire education sector.

“It is essential all educators, irrespective of school type, system, subject or experience have excellent skills and training based on solid research foundations, rounded out by strong practical experience,” Ms Jentz said.

“The Federal Government along with every state and territory government must continue to be committed to embracing these standards and providing a professional environment where teachers can thrive and create better educational outcomes for students.”

The review will focus on the registration of early childhood teachers, vocational education and training teachers and how new teachers transition into the profession.

Eight experts have been appointed to lead the review, which is being run by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.

Panel members will identify examples of excellent practice, challenges and barriers across the whole teaching profession, including early child-



hood teachers and vocational education and training (VET) in school teachers.

“The Teacher Standards, which were developed in consultation with the profession, are now deeply embedded across Australia. The standards support quality teaching, and will continue to do so – the focus for the review will be on exploring the level to which the registration systems across Australia get the most they can out of the standards” Chair of the

National Review of Teacher Registration Expert Panel Chris Wardlaw said.

“The review is also timely as the National Framework that we use to register teachers against the Teacher Standards has been in place since 2011. This is an opportunity to ensure we have harmony and consistency across the country in terms of how our regulators assess teachers for registration.

“The Panel is looking forward to identifying any improvements that need to be made to strengthen the teacher registration system and help build teaching quality across Australia,” Mr Wardlaw said.

“Consultation is critical for the Review, and the independent expert panel intends to consult with a broad range of voices in every state and territory.

“We invite anyone who would like to have a voice on the review to visit the AITSL website for details of the consultation. We would especially urge teachers and principals to participate in the consultation process.”

The Expert Panel is expected to report back later in the year.

## Panel members

**Chair – Mr Chris Wardlaw** – Deputy Chair, AITSL and Chair, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

**Ms Pitsa Binnion** – Principal, McKinnon Secondary College, Victoria

**Mr Marino D’Ortenzio** – Assistant Principal at Epping Secondary College and Honorary Deputy Vice President (Secondary) AEU Victorian Branch

**Mr David Gee** – Headmaster, Wesley College, Western Australia

**Dr Peter Lind** – Registrar of the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia

**Mr Anthony McClaran** – CEO, Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency

**Emeritus Professor Wendy Patton** – Emeritus Professor Queensland University of Technology and Chair Queensland College of Teachers

**Ms Gabrielle Sinclair** – CEO, Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority

**Ms Christine Wilkinson** – Teacher, St Joseph’s Catholic College, New South Wales and President of Independent Education Union of Australia NSW/ACT Branch

**Mr Dennis Yarrington** – President, Australian Primary Principals Association