

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT MEANS EDUCATION DEANS NOW REPRESENTED  
ON INFLUENTIAL BOARD**

The Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE) welcomes the Ministerial appointment of ACDE President, Professor Tania Aspland, to the Board of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

“Professor Aspland’s new role will enable her to represent the collective views of Australian Deans and Heads of Faculties and Schools of Education on the Board of the organisation tasked with implementing major reforms in initial teacher education,” Acting ACDE President\*, Professor Helen Huntly, says.

ACDE is the peak body representing all Australian universities and some private colleges offering initial teacher education.

“Professor Aspland’s appointment acknowledges the importance of national collaboration during this pivotal time in teacher education. It further strengthens ACDE’s close working relationship with Federal Government and AITSL,” Professor Huntly says.

“ACDE looks forward to continuing discussions on the implementation of the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (TEMAG) recommendations with AITSL and Federal Government representatives attending the ACDE Deans’ Forum in Melbourne on June 11.”

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