

## **Higher Education Providers keen to see recommendations into Quality Review of Initial Teacher Education**

Researchers and Academics in Schools and Facilities of Education await with interest to learn of the outcomes of the Initial Teacher Education Review.

Professor Michele Simons, Dean of Education at Western Sydney University, who is also President of the Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE), noted that the Review should build on the significant reforms in Initial Teacher Education over the past seven years.

ACDE endorsed Minister Tudge's acknowledgement of Australia's good fortune in having passionate teachers transforming children's lives every day and welcomes initiatives to attract high achieving candidates and other professionals into a teaching career, noting communities have repeatedly voiced their confidence in teaching quality throughout COVID-19.

Ongoing reforms have seen the accreditation of Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Programs increasingly pay attention to the development of programs that are informed by the best research evidence.

"Accreditation panels pay close attention to all aspects of ITE programs to ensure that only those that meet these standards are accredited," Professor Simons said.

"This includes the requirement for ITE providers to draw on research evidence to inform the ongoing development and quality assurance of their programs, in addition to ensuring that Graduate Teachers can exercise professional judgement and become discerning adopters of research in their practice."

Professor Simons added that the processes used in accrediting ITE programs are the product of significant partnerships between universities, employers, industry, schools, the profession, and Accrediting Authorities across the country.

"It is important that all new ideas and concepts are rigorously tested against gains that have been made in building this research-led approach to accrediting ITE programs," she said.

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