

# AITSL Board Meeting Report

5 December 2023

The meeting was attended by Board Directors:

- Dr Michele Bruniges (Chair)
- Mr Chris Wardlaw (Deputy Chair)
- Ms Beth Blackwood
- Professor Donna Pendergast
- Dr Jennifer Buckingham
- Professor Lee Anne Perry

## Summary

### Strategic Matters

#### CEO Report

The Board receives a report from the AITSL Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at each meeting with key updates on the delivery of AITSL's continuing work program, including corporate matters, people and culture matters, policy and program highlights, fee-for-service and international projects, and stakeholder engagement activities.

The Board **noted** the CEO Report and had a robust discussion on planned changes to the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (LANTITE) requirements.

#### Strategic Risks

At each meeting, the Board receives a report on developments against strategic risks and every 12 months, the Board reviews its Strategic Risk Register and considers the key risks to be monitored for the next calendar year.

The Board reviewed and **approved** the draft strategic risks and appetite statements for 2024.

The following key matters were discussed:

- Cyber security is a major issue and challenge for all organisations with profound impacts.
- Cyber security along with natural disasters are the biggest threat to business continuity.

#### Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

The Board noted an update on the final report of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and discussed the following:

- A clear definition of inclusion needs to be developed and nationally accepted.
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- A potential narrative change could focus on inclusive systems and architecture that are complementary to mainstream settings, offering a range of education options for people with disability.

## Cultural Responsiveness

The Board **noted** a presentation on AITSL's Indigenous Cultural Responsiveness Initiative and discussed the following key issues:

- the inclusion of First Nations' perspectives in the draft Professional Standards for Middle Leaders for the Queensland Department of Education
- engaging with other education organisations' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory groups
- implementing and assessing the impact of the Indigenous Cultural Responsiveness Toolkit in schools.

## Standing Reports

### Risk, Audit and Finance Committee

Under Rule 18.4 of the AITSL Constitution, the Board must establish and maintain an audit committee in accordance with the PGPA Act 2009.

As outlined in the Committee Charter, the Chair shall report to the Board after each meeting.

The Board received the report from the Committee meeting held 14 November 2023 and:

- **noted** the summary meeting outcomes
- **approved** the financial performance review as of 31 October 2023
- **approved** the revised AITSL Investment Policy
- **noted** the Minutes from Meeting 4, held 22 August 2023.

### Communications

At each meeting, the Board receives a report with key insights from AITSL communications activities. The report includes an overview of current campaigns and promotions, digital marketing activities, website analytics, and key media mentions.

The Board **noted** the report.

### Expert Standing Committees

The Board maintains 2 expert standing committees, established in accordance with Rule 5.3 of the AITSL Constitution:

- Teacher Education Expert Standing Committee (TEESC)
- School Leadership and Teaching Expert Standing Committee (SLTESC).

In compliance with the Constitution, the committees must report to the Board on the outcomes of each meeting.

The Board **noted** the outcome reports from:

- TEESC Meeting #26, held 18 October 2023
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- SLTESC Meeting #15, held 25 October 2023.

## Board Governance

The Board:

- **agreed** to a full governance and membership review of the School Leadership and Teaching Expert Standing Committee and the Teacher Education Expert Standing Committee and provide recommendations on strategy to the Board at the March 2024 meeting
- **approved** the review of the Remuneration Committee Charter
- **approved** the revised Instrument of Delegation (Financial).

**The AITSL Board next meets on 12 March 2024.**

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