

Meeting Communiqué

NAPLAN Online Connectivity

Ministers were briefed on the review of the connectivity issues experienced with the online delivery of 2019 NAPLAN and noted the review's findings and recommendations. Ministers have sought advice on the implementation of all recommendations as soon as possible.

Ministers agreed to establish the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) as the senior responsible officer for NAPLAN online and commission additional technical support for the administration of NAPLAN online in 2020.

Reporting of NAPLAN Data on *My School*

Ministers requested that ACARA undertake further stakeholder consultation on options for changes to the presentation of NAPLAN data on *My School*. ACARA will recommend changes for final agreement at Education Council's December meeting, in order that changes can be implemented for the March 2020 *My School* release.

National Policy Initiatives

Ministers considered the progress of a range of National Policy Initiatives outlined in the National School Reform Agreement. It was acknowledged that there has been good momentum in the development of the initiatives including the Review into Senior Secondary Pathways into work, further education and training; the enhancement of formative assessment capabilities that will benefit students, teachers and school leaders; and options for an independent national evidence institute to improve student learning outcomes.

National Review of Teacher Registration: progress of child safety recommendations

Ministers received a progress update from the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) on work underway to advance recommendations related to strengthening children's safety made in the *One Teaching Profession: Teacher Registration in Australia* report and by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. AITSL is mapping existing jurisdictional activities, including legislative provisions and other regulatory requirements, to identify gaps and areas of risk in the teacher registration process.

The final report of AITSL's mapping of existing jurisdictional activities will be presented to Education Council in December 2019.

Mobile phones in schools

The Education Council heard from prominent experts about mobile phones in schools. Professor Marilyn Campbell, Queensland University of Technology, Ms Pitsa Binnion, the Principal of McKinnon Secondary College (Victoria), Assistant Professor Louis-Philippe Beland from Carleton University in Canada, and Mr Stephen Balkam, the founder and CEO of the Family Online Safety Institute (United States) provided Education Council with their perspectives.

Review of the Melbourne Declaration

Education Council received an update on themes emerging from public consultations as Ministers work towards finalising a new statement outlining educational goals for young Australians. Ministers are participating in a youth workshop in the afternoon of 13 September where further ideas relating the future of education in Australia will be discussed.

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