Australian Government
Department of Education

Organisational Chart

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Secretary
Mr Tony Cook PSM

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Vanessa Jordan

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Lucy Vangelatos

Early Childhood
Kylie Crane PSM,
Deputy Secretary

- **Funding and Evidence**
  Tristan Reed, FAS
- **Early Childhood Data and Preschool**
  Adi Smith, AS
- **Funding Policy and Inclusion**
  Vanessa Lapthorne, AS
- **Child Care Subsidy**
  Tracey Blunck, AS
  Paris Astill-Torchia, AS

Building Early Education Fund Taskforce
Nathan Smyth,
Senior Responsible Officer

- **Building Early Education Fund**
  Heather Cotching, AS

- **Child Care Integrity**
  Brendan Moon, FAS
- **Fraud and Non-Compliance**
  Jodie Chamberlain, AS
- **Integrity Policy and Strategy**
  Stephen Moger, AS
- **Integrity Operations**
  Emma Hill, AS

- **Quality, Workforce and Stewardship**
  Michele Arcaro, FAS
- **Community Child Care Fund Programs**
  Larissa Hinds, AS
- **Commission and Markets**
  Gemma Sandlant, AS
  Alice Hoysted, A/g AS
- **Quality, Workforce and Partnerships**
  Rachel Tolmay, AS
- **Wage implementation**
  Gemma Smith, AS

Schools and Youth
Meg Brighton,
Deputy Secretary

- **National Reform and Youth**
  Caitlin Delaney, FAS
- **National Reform**
  Alana Winslow, AS
- **School Assessment Measurement and Research**
  Leslie O'Donoghue, AS
- **Office for Youth**
  Alana Winslow, AS

- **Funding and Data Collection**
  Fabian Harding, FAS
- **Payments and Collections**
  Lalage Cherry, AS
- **School Assurance**
  Jane Mitchell, AS
- **School Funding**
  Chris Davern, AS

- **Teaching and Learning**
  Julie Birmingham, FAS
- **Teacher Workforce**
  Dr Jessica Hartmann, AS
- **National Systems Support**
  Shane Samuelson, AS
  Senior Responsible Officer
- **Curriculum and Learning**
  Dr Mel Southwell Lee, AS

- **Improving Student Outcomes**
  Dan Donegan, FAS
- **First Nations and Closing the Gap**
  Chris Mudford, AS
- **Wellbeing and Equity**
  Pamela Banerjee, AS
- **Inclusion and Disability**
  Dr Esmeralda Rocha, AS

Higher Education, Research and International
Jasmina Joldić PSM,
Deputy Secretary

- **Policy, Data and Strategy**
  Jessica Mohr, FAS
- **University Governance and Operations**
  Felicity Ryan, AS
- **University Funding and Outcomes**
  Dr Kee Hiaujoo, AS
- **Payments and Engagement**
  Dominique Lowe, AS
- **Market Analysis and Data**
  Dr Fleur de Crespigny, AS

- **Participation and Student Experience**
  Madonna Morton, FAS
- **Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator**
  Michele Clark, AS
- **Higher Education Program Delivery**
  Brett Nordstrom, AS
- **HELP and Student Experience**
  Annette Cannell, A/g AS
  (Vacant, AS)

- **International and Research**
  Dr Damian Oliver, A/g FAS
  (Karen Sandercock, FAS)
- **International Partnerships and Engagement**
  Fiona Morris, A/g AS
  (Dr Damian Oliver, AS)
- **International Students, Legislation and Standards**
  Carolyn Shrives, AS
  (Vacant, AS)
- **International Policy and Systems**
  Carolyn Shrives, AS
- **Global Relations and National Security**
  Simon Moore, AS
- **Research**
  Simon Puckett, AS
- **Minister-Counsellor (Education and Research) Beijing**
  Alison Dell, AS
- **Minister-Counsellor (Education and Research) New Delhi**
  George Thiveos, AS

- **Antisemitism Education Taskforce**
  Mathew Johnston, A/g FAS

Corporate and Enabling Services
Marcus Markovic,
Deputy Secretary
Chief Operating Officer

- **Strategy, Data and Measurement**
  Mathew Johnston, A/g FAS
  (Vacant, FAS)
- **Strategic Policy**
  Matthew Harris, A/g AS
  (Mathew Johnston, AS)
  Chief Sustainability Officer
- **Analysis, Data and Measurement**
  Dr Susie Kluth, AS
  Chief Data Officer

- **People, Parliamentary and Communications**
  Jasna Blackwell, FAS
  Chief People Officer/Chief Risk Officer
- **People**
  Cate Leyland, AS
- **Communication**
  Dijanna Ratajkoski, AS
- **Parliamentary, Audit and Risk**
  Bernadette Murphy, AS
  Chief Information Governance Officer

- **Financial Management**
  Craig Boyd, FAS
  Chief Financial Officer
- **Financial and Resource Management**
  Ebony Turner, AS
  Deputy Chief Financial Officer
- **External Budgets and Performance**
  Kate Chipperfield, AS

- **Education Funding System and Digital Services**
  Kerryn Kovacevic, FAS
  Senior Responsible Officer
  Chief Information Officer
- **Education Funding System**
  Lisa van der Plaat, AS
  Program Manager

- **Legal**
  Genevieve Davin, FAS
  General Counsel
- **Corporate and Early Childhood Legal**
  Milli Wong, AS
  Senior Executive Lawyer
- **Schools, HERI, Legislation and Commercial Legal**
  Geoff Kimber, AS
  Senior Executive Lawyer

- **Chief Commissioner**
  Prof Barney Glover AO
- **First Nations Commissioner**
  Prof Mark Rose
- **Commissioner**
  Hon Fiona Nash
- **Commissioner**
  Dr Stephen Duckett
- **Commissioner**
  David Coltman

Australian Tertiary Education Commission
David Turvey PSM,
Chief Executive Officer

- **Australian Tertiary Education Commission**
  Sam Rosevear
  Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- **Widening Participation**
  Dr Claire Sainsbury, AS
- **System Planning and Funding**
  Daniel Frewer, A/g AS
  (Dr Clare Hourigan, AS)
- **First Nations and System Quality**
  Kiel Williams-Weigel, AS

- **Director, Tuition Protection Service**
  Katherine Tagg, A/g
  (Vacant)

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