



## Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association

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### *Media Release*

#### **AITSL appoints ACPPA Past President to Board**

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The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association has welcomed the announcement of new Board Directors for The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

The appointment of ACPPA Immediate Past President, Mark Mowbray, by Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Federal Minister for Education and Training, is indeed a great testament to both Mark's work over many years as a professional educator but also the high regard in which our Association is held within the broader education sector.

Mark, who is currently Principal of St Joseph's Taree, on NSW Mid North coast, has worked tirelessly over many years, for every school student in Australia in his roles with the Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association, striving to place Catholic education at the forefront of thought leadership and new initiatives.

Mark has also served on the National Advisory Council of the Australian Primary Principals' Association (APPA) and is well supported by his Government Primary Principal colleagues.

Mark takes up this role in June and follows Directors who have served with distinction and helped progress much-needed reforms in education.

Current ACPPA President, Brad Gaynor, said, 'Mark's depth of experience and passion for education will ensure a great future for Australian students and learning'.

As a distinguished educator, Mark will bring a grounded and practical perspective to this position highlighting the needs of regional, rural and remote schools in achieving educational excellence.

Professor Hattie said, "It will be a pleasure to work closely with all the new Directors, including those who are school principals or certified as highly accomplished teachers, because AITSL's focus will always remain on the students we are ultimately here to serve."

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association (ACPPA) represents over 1200 Catholic Primary School Principals across Australia.

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