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Tim McDonald appointed to ACARA Board

Executive Director of Catholic Education Dr Tim McDonald has been appointed to the Board of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

As a member of the Board, Dr McDonald will work with 12 other colleagues nominated from each of the Australian and State and Territory governments as well as the Catholic and Independent school sectors.

ACARA is charged with reporting to all Australian education ministers on all aspects of curriculum, assessment and reporting at a national level.

“I’m delighted to join the ACARA Board at this critical point in time as the Authority continues to work through recommendations from the review of the Australian Curriculum and the move to delivering NAPLAN online,” said Dr McDonald.

The full membership of ACARA includes the following individuals:

- **Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz** AM Chair, ACARA
- **Professor Emeritus Brian Caldwell**, PhD Deputy Chair, ACARA
- **Dr David Howes**, Executive Director, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
- **Ms Jayne Johnston**, Chief Education Officer, South Australian Department of Education and Child Development
- **Mr Paul Hewitt**, Executive Director, NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards
- **Dr Tim McDonald**, Executive Director, Catholic Education, Western Australia
- **Ms Liz Banks**, Deputy Director-General, Tasmanian Department of Education
- **Ms Susan Bowden**, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Territory Department of Education
- **Professor Patrick Garnett**, Chair, School Curriculum and Standard Authority, Western Australia
- **Ms Valerie Gould**, Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools, Western Australia
- **Mr Michael Hewitson AM**, retired foundation principal of Trinity College, Gawler, now Councillor for Unley (South Australia) and author
- **Mr Stephen Gniel**, Deputy Director-General, Education Strategy, Australian Capital Territory Directorate of Education and Training
- **Ms Patrea Walton**, Deputy Director-General, Queensland Department of Education and Training.