

## **DESE / CaSPA MEETING**

**9 February 2021**

An Online meeting was held with members of the DESE team and Ann and I on the Tuesday morning. DESE provided us with a few updates:

- The new Minister for Education & Youth, Alan Tudge.
- The newly named portfolio will have an extension of priorities related to Youth in the future.
- There has been a reconfiguration of the Education Council. The communique is available on the Education Council website and it outlines the key strategic priorities.
- Two key priorities are: Initial teacher Education and National Teacher Registration.
- There will be a public consultation soon regarding the ACARA Review of the Australian Curriculum from 29 April – 8 July 2021. Maths and technology were recognised a future priority subjects by Education Council.

Ann and I provided feedback regarding the update:

- Importance of VET for senior students
- Aligning the Australian Curriculum with the Mpartwe Declaration
- Reviewing NAPLAN to be in line with the Australian Curriculum
- Promoting the importance of the Cross Curricula and General Capabilities

At the conclusion of the meeting Ann and I also gave feedback about COVID-19 and the effects on staff and student well-being and reiterated the requests for Ministers to consult with Principal Associations and school staff being considered as essential workers.

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