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RELEASE OF NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

The Chair of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA), Victorian Education Minister the Hon Martin Dixon, today announced the release of the National Professional Standards for Teachers.

The National Professional Standards for Teachers were finalised by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) and endorsed by MCEECDYA in late December 2010.

“The Standards make explicit what teachers should know and be able to do across four career stages – graduate, proficient, highly accomplished and lead teacher – and across the three domains of professional knowledge, practice and engagement,” said Mr Dixon.

“For the first time in Australia we have nationally consistent standards that will form the basis for the registration and certification of teachers,” Mr Dixon said. “They provide an ongoing basis for teacher reflection and development and a guide for professional learning.”

The endorsement of the Standards by MCEECDYA follows on from an extensive consultation and validation process. The Standards were informed by extensive analysis of the standards used by teacher registration authorities, employers and professional associations and, in 2010, were validated by almost 6,000 teachers, school leaders and parents across Australia.

“The Council noted that future ongoing work is required and it looks forward to a collaborative approach between jurisdictions, systems and sectors as we move to put the Standards in place,” said Mr Dixon.

In 2011 AITSL will work with teachers, school leaders, and states and territories to develop support materials that will illustrate the Standards.

The Standards are available at: www.aitsl.edu.au

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