

Terms of Reference

Role

The Working Party is made up of educational experts including literacy and numeracy specialists, principal organisations and representatives of the AEU and the IEUA to provide further professional advice on the use of student performance data and other indicators of school effectiveness as ACARA develops additional improvements to the *My School Website*.

The Working Party is also invited to provide advice on how the information on the website could be used by schools and their communities to foster school improvement and to improve the educational performances of students. Information currently on the site will remain.

Developments of the website already requested by the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA) are listed in the Annex. In preparation for the first meeting of the Working Party, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will provide information on progress on this work and on other developments that ACARA is investigating.

The Working Party is advisory to the ACARA Board. Final decisions on development of the *My School* website are made by MCEECDYA on the advice of the ACARA Board.

Membership

The membership of the Working Party will include one representative from each of:

- Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) - Chair
- Australian Education Union (AEU)
- Independent Education Union (IEU)
- Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA)
- Australian Secondary Principals Association (ASPA)
- A non-government principals' organisation
- Australian Special Education Principals Association (ASEPA)
- Australian Parents Council (APC)
- Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO)

and three to five specialists in the fields of numeracy and literacy to be selected by ACARA.

Timeline

The Working Party must provide its final advice by Friday 27 August 2010 to inform ACARA's advice to MCEECDYA on the final development of the website for 2010.

The Working Party will cease operation once its final advice has been submitted.