



The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP

Minister for Education

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NSW ESTABLISHES SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCIL

NSW Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli has today announced the establishment of the NSW Schools Advisory Council.

“As Minister for Education I am committed to fostering the highest quality of schooling for all students in the State, across both public and private schools. For this reason, I am establishing the NSW Schools Advisory Council to advise the Government on issues in school education that impact across the school sectors,” Minister Piccoli said.

“The Council will strengthen policy development on school education within New South Wales by involving both the government and non-government sectors. This will include advising the Minister on issues in school education that arise from early childhood, higher education and vocational education and training.

“NSW schools perform very highly when compared to other States and Territories. By having all of the school sectors working together in New South Wales, we can maintain and improve the already high quality of education available.”

The Council will also strengthen and formalise the input that the Minister receives from across the school sectors on a number of issues of State and national significance (such as National Partnerships and issues raised at Ministerial Councils).

The non-government schools sector will benefit from the new arrangements by gaining a more formal advisory role.

Membership will be drawn from the Association of Independent Schools, the Catholic Education Commission, the Board of Studies, the Institute of Teachers and the Department of Education and Communities.

The inaugural chair will be Dr Brian Croke, Executive Director of the Catholic Education Commission.

“Dr Croke is an eminent educator who brings a wealth of expertise and experience to this role. I am sure he will make an important contribution to the NSW Schools Advisory Council in his role as inaugural chair,” Minister Piccoli said.

The Council will hold its first meeting in early 2012 and will meet once a term throughout the year.

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