

# The Australian Primary Principals Association welcomes the appointment of Jason Clare as the Minister for Education

*Malcolm Elliott, President of the Australian Primary Principals Association has today congratulated Jason Clare as the new Federal Minister for Education*

**Sydney June 01, 2022**, The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) has on behalf of the 7,500 Primary Principals and School Leaders across the nation congratulated Jason Clare on his appointment as Federal Minister for Education.

“Mr Clare is an experienced Member of Parliament with broad areas of interest commensurate with whole of government approaches to education – which, along with parenting and health, is a central element of our nation’s development,” said APPA President Malcolm Elliott.

With education across the country facing a challenging time as schools grapple with staff shortages and additional pressures to maintain educational standards as Covid continues to ravage the system, Mr Elliott said that APPA was looking forward to working with the Minister to tackle the issues.

“Primary education is vital and provides so much of the foundation for a thriving nation and we look forward to working with Minister Clare in tackling challenges faced today and to building world class educational opportunities for the youngest Australians.”

Aside from the impact of Covid, Mr. Elliott also outlined key policy areas that APPA would like to see the newly elected federal government focus on.

“Our key areas of interest include the status of the teaching profession, well-being, school resourcing, curriculum, assessment, and the place of the profession in policy ideation, implementation and evaluation.”

“With new beginnings come new opportunities and whilst our education system is under stress due to a multitude of factors, our teachers and school leaders are doing a magnificent job and we look forward to building positive policies with the Minister that support our dedicated and hardworking educators across the nation.” Mr Elliott said.

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## **About the Australian Primary Principals Association**

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) is the national professional association for primary school principals in Australia. APPA represents affiliated state and territory Government, Catholic and Independent primary schools across the nation with over 7,500 members. It is the

national voice on national issues and speaks directly to the Federal Government on matters that concern school principals and their school communities.

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