

APPA welcomes Senator Birmingham as Minister for Education

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) today welcomed the appointment of Senator Simon Birmingham as Minister for Education and looks forward to working with the Minister for the benefit of Australian students, our schools and school communities.

APPA president, Dennis Yarrington, said,

“Senator Birmingham comes to the education portfolio at a time of great change and tremendous opportunity for our schools. With APPA seeing the benefit of working constructively with government and stakeholders we look forward to continuing the dialogue around teacher education, school leadership and local decision-making. The contribution of principals in the discussion is, of course, critical to success.”

In representing primary school principals across the country, APPA is able to bring not just the views of principals to the table but also their considerable knowledge of teaching and student learning, and their practical experience of what does and doesn't work in schools. Mr Yarrington said,

“Primary schools are found in virtually every community across the country, from suburban locations to the most remote. As a member of Federal Parliament and now Minister for Education, Senator Birmingham is uniquely placed to hear from these communities and their school leaders. Such engagement greatly benefits our Australian students.”

APPA is the professional association representing 7,200 school leaders in Government, Independent and Catholic schools across Australia.

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