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## APPA Media Release

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### **APPA welcomes the Hon Dan Tehan to the education portfolio**

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

In welcoming Mr Tehan, APPA paid tribute to the departing Minister, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, for his work across a wide range of areas in school education.

APPA president, Dennis Yarrington, said,

“Since Senator Birmingham’s appointment as Minister three years ago, he has earned deep respect for his integrity and engagement with school leaders and the teaching profession. In understanding the growing number of issues impacting on schools, the Senator has always adopted a fair-minded and thoughtful approach to discussions.

“The legacy Senator Birmingham leaves in teacher education reforms, the *Through Growth to Achievement Report*, investment in schools and support for rural and remote education is impressive. We thank him for his work and wish him well in his new portfolio.”

In welcoming Mr Tehan, Mr Yarrington said,

“APPA is uniquely placed to bring not just the views of principals to the table but also their considerable knowledge of, and practical experience in, what does and doesn’t work in schools.

“Mr Tehan will bring a fresh eye to discussions and decisions. We look forward to working constructively with the new Minister in ensuring the students in our schools receive the best education possible.”

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

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