

# FACT SHEET

## *Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership*

### **What is the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership?**

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) came into being on 1 January 2010. AITSL aims to provide national leadership for the Commonwealth, state and territory governments in promoting excellence in the profession of teaching and school leadership.

AITSL's role is to:

- develop and maintain rigorous national professional standards for teaching and school leadership
- implement an agreed system of national accreditation of teachers based on these standards
- foster and drive high quality professional development for teachers and school leaders through professional standards, professional learning and a national approach to the accreditation of pre-service teacher education courses
- undertake and engage with international research and innovative developments in best practice
- administer annual national awards for teachers and school leaders
- work collaboratively with government and non-government school systems, key stakeholders including professional associations and education unions, teacher educators, business and school communities, and the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and Education Services Australia (ESA)
- fulfil the role of assessing authority under the Migration Regulations 1994 for the purposes of skilled migration to Australia as a pre-primary, primary or secondary school teacher.

### **What does AITSL mean for Catholic education?**

AITSL engages collaboratively with the Catholic sector in delivering on its role of providing leadership in the profession of teaching and school leadership. Catholic schools and teachers are encouraged to access the resources and professional learning opportunities provided by AITSL.

### **Links**

For more information visit the [AITSL](http://aitsl.gov.au) website.