



Media Release | A RESPONSE TO STUART ROBERT

The Australian Government Primary Principals Association (AGPPA), representing public school leaders in every state and territory, and 5300 government primary schools across the nation, were disappointed in the Federal Education Minister's comments quoted in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 18 March 2022 regarding 'dud teachers'.

His comments failed to acknowledge that all teachers, regardless of the sector they currently work in, have the same university graduation and teacher registration requirements, as well as the same unswerving commitment to their students.

Public school teachers are present in every community across our nation, delivering the Australian Curriculum and being responsive to community need. They teach and model the characteristics of excellence and equity and enable all Australian children in their care to become confident and creative individuals, successful learners, and active and informed community members as outlined in the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration.

AGPPA encourages the Minister to broaden his concept of teacher quality beyond the narrow measures of NAPLAN and PISA. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with the Minister about this issue as well as the resourcing of education so that every primary child can be met at their point of need and supported onwards to their brightest future.

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