

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### NEW ACARA CEO APPOINTED

The ACARA Board has appointed Mr David de Carvalho as the new Chief Executive Officer of ACARA.

Mr de Carvalho brings to ACARA a wealth of leadership experience from the education sector, and from the public sector at both the Commonwealth and state government level.

“On behalf of the ACARA Board and staff, I congratulate David on his appointment and am delighted to welcome him as ACARA’s new CEO. David has significant experience and expertise in education, he joins ACARA following his most recent position as Chief Executive of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA),” said ACARA Board Chair, Belinda Robinson.

“In addition to his depth of knowledge of the education sector, David has also served on ACARA’s Board since November 2017. I look forward to continue working with David and supporting his leadership of Australia’s national curriculum, assessment and reporting authority to achieve ACARA’s mission of improving the learning outcomes for all young Australians.”

Mr de Carvalho was Chief Executive Officer of NESA from January 2017 and, prior to that, he was Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Family and Community Services. Mr de Carvalho has also led the National Catholic Education Commission and was Head of the Higher Education Division in the federal government Department of Education. He started his career as a secondary school teacher, and has served on the boards of the Australian Council for Educational Research and the Curriculum Corporation (now Education Services Australia).

Mr David de Carvalho was appointed following an extensive executive search process. He will commence with ACARA on 4 March 2019.

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