

Board of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority

Professor Patrick Garnett

A former deputy vice-chancellor of Edith Cowan University (ECU), has extensive teaching experience in chemistry and science with involvement in the application of new technologies, including online learning.

Professor Garnett holds a PhD in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Education from The University of Western Australia, a Master of Arts in Science Education from the University of Maryland (USA) and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Education by ECU upon his retirement in 2007.

He has extensive experience in educational leadership and management. In his role of deputy vice-chancellor at ECU, he had responsibility for the university's academic profile, research and research training, quality assurance, human resources, risk management and audit assurance. Prior appointments at ECU included six years as executive dean and five years as head of school.

During his career, Professor Garnett was also involved with the board of Secondary Education and the Secondary Education Authority as a long-standing member of the Chemistry Joint Syllabus Committee. He also chaired two Chemistry Syllabus Review Committees and was examiner and chair of the TAE Chemistry Examining Panel.

Professor David Andrich

Has been Chapple Professor of Education at The University of Western Australia since 2007. He has conducted research at national and State levels on the topic of certification and selection into tertiary education.

Professor Andrich has expertise in measurement and standards that will be a valuable asset for the board and began his outstanding career in education as a teacher at WA public schools.

Lucina Cross

Lucina is a Martu and Yamatji woman with extensive experience with more than 20 years in education, particularly in the mid-west and north-west of WA.

She is a former school principal in north-west WA, has extensive experience in Aboriginal education and has taught at primary and secondary public schools and at tertiary level.

Margaret Herley

Recently completed a two-year contract with Curtin University as Director of Partnerships in the School of Education. Prior to that she was principal of Iona Presentation College for 15 years.

She is a highly experienced former principal of a leading girls' school in the Catholic education system.

Dr Ruth Shean

Is Director General, Department of Training and Workforce Development and has a long history of involvement in education in WA.

She will bring to the board a great depth of knowledge of the vocational and training sector as well as previous experience as a public school teacher.

Professor Christine Ure

Is head of the School of Education at ECU. She has contributed to research and development in early childhood education, schools and higher education.

She is a highly experienced educator who has co-ordinated projects in many parts of Australia and overseas.

Dr Bruce Matthews

Was headmaster, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School from 1998 to 2011. Before that, he was deputy headmaster and head of senior school at Guildford Grammar School.

He has a great deal of relevant, recent experience in school education in a regional setting, as well as experience in both the public and private sectors.