

New Leadership for IHEA – Members Elect New Board

- Mr Alan Finch, Bond University, New IHEA Chair
- Ms Gabriela Rodriguez, Academies Australasia Group, New IHEA Deputy Chair
- Navitas and Kaplan join IHEA Board

The Annual General Meeting of Independent Higher Education Australia has elected a new Board of Directors including a new Chair and Deputy Chair.

Mr Alan Finch, Deputy Vice chancellor, Bond University, has been elected as the new Chair of Independent Higher Education Australia (IHEA) following the retirement of long-term Chair, Dr Don Owers AM.

Ms Gabriela Rodriguez, Deputy Group Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, Academies Australasia Group, has been elected as the Deputy Chair.

“The IHEA Board of Directors comprises senior leaders in Australian higher education with expertise in independent and public higher education, corporate leadership, academic governance and education industry management.” Mr Simon Finn, IHEA CEO said.

“IHEA is delighted to welcome Mr Finch and Ms Rodriguez as our new board leaders” Mr Finn, said. “Alan and Gabriela bring a breadth of experience in leadership roles in high quality independent education providers.”

“Bond University is celebrating its 30-year anniversary this year and is well established as a leading Australian university. Mr Finch brings senior leadership experience in University management and student support to the IHEA Board.”

“The Academies Australasia Group was established in 1908 delivering quality education programs through its 17 colleges in Australia and the college in Singapore. Ms Rodriguez is a senior leader of the Academies Australasia group bringing corporate governance expertise and a wealth of experience in education services across the tertiary sector to the IHEA Board”

New directors on the IHEA board also include representatives of key IHEA members, Navitas and Kaplan.

“IHEA is pleased to welcome Mr Jo Anthony, Deputy CEO, Navitas Ltd and Mr James Adonopolous, Academic Dean, Kaplan Business School, to directorship roles” Mr Simon Finn, IHEA CEO said. “Navitas and Kaplan are major corporations in Australia’s higher education landscape, working across the independent and public sectors.”

“The newly elected IHEA Board reflects IHEA’s membership which comprises Australia’s high-quality independent providers. IHEA directors hold senior positions in their institutions and leadership roles in the sector.”

“The new Board brings informed and dynamic leadership to IHEA and the rapidly growing independent higher education sector. IHEA directors are committed to the IHEA ethos of a quality approach to sector design, regulation and policy settings” Mr Finn said.

IHEA Board 2019/2020:

Chair

Mr Alan Finch

Deputy Vice-chancellor, **Bond University**

Deputy Chair

Ms Gabriela Rodriguez

Deputy Group Managing Director/COO - **Academies Australasia Group**



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