The GTIL Steering Committee had their second meeting for 2014 on 19 May. The GTIL Steering Committee is chaired by the Secretary with representation from all key stakeholder groups. The Committee provides advice to the Secretary, from the respective representative bodies, on the implementation of the GTIL Blueprint for Action in NSW public schools.

**Entry into the profession**
- The new model of support for beginning teachers has progressed. Funding for just over 1,500 permanent beginning teachers has been delivered to more than 850 schools so far this year. The beginning teacher support funding is being distributed to schools as a single payment as close as possible to the teacher’s entry on duty. The Committee discussed the need for school accountability in the use of the funds against the four conditions specified in the GTIL Blueprint, and agreed it was important that there are mechanisms in place to demonstrate that these four conditions are met.
- The eight full-time Teacher Mentor positions to support communities of schools that have significant numbers of beginning temporary teachers commenced on 28 April 2014. The locations of these positions in 2014 are: Tamworth, Bathurst, Gunnedah, Wagga Wagga, Holroyd, Warringah, Fairfield and Liverpool. An initial briefing meeting for principals and mentors was held on 1 May 2014, with a follow up session to be held later in Term 2. Mentors have been working with the principals, temporary teachers and supervisors to establish professional learning and support programs.

**Recognise and share practice**
- The Department has entered into a research partnership with the University of Newcastle to develop new understandings about the impact of teacher professional learning on teacher quality and student outcomes, using the Quality Teaching Rounds model. The research agreement was signed with the University of Newcastle on 9 April 2014. EOIs have closed and the 24 schools selected to participate in the research project will be notified shortly.
- By mid-May over 100 NSW public high schools had registered on the DEC ClassMovies website, and the first DEC ClassMovie had been completed. For more details refer to https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/deptresources/classmovies/index.htm.

**Key achievements since their last meeting in March 2014 were noted. They include:**

**Initial teacher education**
- Offers for the cadetships, internships and teach.Rural scholarships were made in March 2014.
- School placements for three cadets were finalised with cadets commencing in early April at The Jannali High School, Warners Bay High School and Lake Munmorah High School.
- Seven interns were confirmed and commenced in the following schools:
  - Kincumber High School
  - Orange High School
  - Fennell Bay Public School
  - Dunedoo Central School
  - Glenmore Park High School
  - Hamilton South Public School
  - Northlakes High School.
- Fifteen candidates have accepted and commenced teach.Rural scholarships, receiving their first year training allowance of $6,000.
- Applications for the 2015 GTIL cadetships, internships and teach.Rural scholarships are now open, with applications closing 3 October 2014. The programs are currently being promoted through the teachNSW website and social media channels. Information can be found at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching.