

8 April 2024

Dear St Paul's College Community and Colleagues.

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that Mr Paul Belton has advised Edmund Rice Education Australia Colleges Ltd that he intends to retire from his role of Principal at the end of 2024.

Paul's exceptional contribution to Catholic Education in South Australia has spanned 43 years, having returned to Blackfriars Priory College, where he was a past-student, to begin his teaching career in 1980 as a Primary Years Educator. Later moving into Secondary Education, Paul taught Mathematics, Physical Education and Religious Education, while moving into increasingly senior and executive leadership positions throughout his time at Blackfriars (1980-1994), St Michael's College (1995-1999), Marcellin Technical College (2013-2014), Rostrevor College (2005-2014) and St Paul's College (2015-current).

After a hiatus from formal education as the influential CEO of Port Adelaide Magpies (1999-2004), Paul became Deputy Principal of Rostrevor College with foci in both Senior School and Student Wellbeing across an outstanding 10 years.

Appointed Principal of St Paul's in 2015, Paul continues to be a humble, passionate leader, and a gentle, generous and caring person of great wisdom. Above all, Paul is a family-centred person and a faith-leader with a deep commitment to lived experiences of our Catholic tradition, exuding a relational spirituality driven by gratitude and the sentiment, "The only difference between a stranger and a friend, is a story".

EREA Colleges has accepted Paul's resignation, understanding his reasons and in the later months of the year, we will join with the St Paul's College in thanking Paul for his service to Catholic education.

In the coming weeks EREA Colleges will begin the process of recruiting and appointing a new principal in readiness for the start of the 2025 school year. This will commence with a community consultation process that will be advised to the whole school community in the coming weeks. Ultimately, EREA Colleges will seek to appoint the person who best meets the needs of the school community, who can build on Pauls' legacy and lead a new chapter in the history of St Paul's College.

Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, cursive letters that appear to be 'CW'.

Chris Woolley
Chief Executive Officer
EREA Colleges Ltd.