

1 August 2023

To the community of St Raphael's School, Parkside

Dear Community Members

I am pleased to announce that Mark Simpson has been appointed to the position of Acting Principal for St Raphael's School, Parkside. Mark will commence Friday 1 September, Week 6 and remain in the role until the end of 2023.

Mark is currently the Education Advisor: Engagement & Wellbeing at the Catholic Education Office and has held a variety of leadership positions through his career including, Deputy Principal of Rostrevor College and Principal of Trinity College (South Campus).

Mark has a deep personal faith and will bring to the role demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm for ensuring excellence in teaching and learning.

Mia Harms will conclude as Principal on Friday 4 August. In the interim, I am pleased to announce that Gennaro Mannella will cover as Acting Principal from 14 August until Mark is able to commence. I thank Helena Card and Corey-Lee Lewis for sharing the teacher in charge role for the week between Mia departing and Gennaro commencing.

Gennaro is also a highly experienced leader, and most recently has been Acting Principal of Saint David's Parish School, Tea Tree Gully and St Joseph's School, Peterborough. In 2022, as acting Principal, he was one of the pivotal leaders in the amalgamation of St Brigid's School, Evanston with Xavier College.

Both Mark and Gennaro are looking forward to working in partnership with the students, staff, families and the parish community. I would like to express my gratitude to them both for taking on this leadership position and wish them all the best as they prepare to lead St Raphael's.

Yours sincerely



Dr Neil McGoran
Executive Director

cc: School Board
Parish Priest
School Performance Lead