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Dear members of the Newman College community,

As you would be aware Marist Schools Australia, under the leadership of the Regional Director Ms Julie Ryan, conducted an extensive selection process involving comprehensive consultation with members of the College community, a national advertising campaign, and a series of interviews with a number of highly qualified and suitable applicants. This process has now concluded, and I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Andrew Watson** as the new Principal of Newman College, commencing Term 2 2023.

Andrew is a well known and highly regarded leader in Catholic education. He is currently the Principal of Mazenod College in Perth, which is one of three Colleges in Australia conducted by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who were founded in 1816 by a young French Priest, Eugene de Mazenod. The other Australian Oblate schools are Mazenod College (Victoria) and Iona College (Queensland). Andrew is the first lay Principal of Mazenod College, commencing in 2017. Prior to this appointment Andrew has held various senior leadership positions in Perth including as Principal of Mandurah Catholic College and College Deputy Principal of John XXIII College, both of which are K-12 coeducational schools. Andrew was also the Deputy Principal for Teaching and Learning at Santa Maria College Attadale, a Year 5-12 girls day and boarding school. Andrew has held a variety of middle leadership positions including Head of Year 9, Head of Social Sciences, and Head of Society and its Environment, earlier in his career at Trinity College, Newman College, and John XXII College respectively.

Andrew holds a Master of Educational Leadership and Leadership of Religious Education Accreditation from the University of Notre Dame, as well as a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Education from the University of Western Australia. Andrew's significant commitment to education more broadly has been recognised by the Australian College of Educational Leaders. Current cross sectoral committees of which Andrew is a member are indicative of his standing as an educator and include: WACE School Curriculum & Standards Authority Breach Committee; Western Australian School Curriculum & Standards Authority (SCSA) - Secondary Principals Advisory Committee; OLNA Breaches Committee; Western Australia Catholic Secondary Principals Association Education Committee; and the Western Australia Boarding Advisory Project for Aboriginal Students. Born into a farming family at Northam, Andrew attended Trinity College East Perth as a student from Years 4 to 12. Andrew and his wife Ruth, have three young adult children who we look forward to becoming members of our Marist family.

This appointment process was ably supported by Ms Patricia Bergin, Education Consultant. The contributions and discernment by the members of the interview panel are also greatly appreciated.

*Ms Julie Ryan, MSA Regional Director (VIC, SA, WA)*

*Mr Peter Turner, MSA Ltd Board Director*

*Mr Wayne Bull, Deputy Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia*

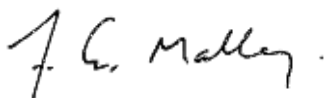
*Very Rev Vincent Glynn, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Faith Formation, Catholic Archdiocese of Perth*

*Mrs Carmen Cox, Principal, St Brigid's College, Lesmurdie, WA (F-12 school). Member of the MSA Regional Council*

*Mr Stephen Lee, Newman College, Advisory Council Chair*

In welcoming Andrew to this significant leadership position, the contribution of John Finneran to Newman College is acknowledged again with appreciation. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks in relation to interim arrangements for Term 1 2023. May Mary our Good Mother and Saint Marcellin continue to pray for the vibrant Marist community of Newman College at this time of transition.

Yours sincerely



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