

1 March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I have resigned from my position as Principal, with my last day being Friday, 31 March 2017. This decision has not been an easy one but I feel both for me personally, and for CSC, that this is the right time.

When I started 8 years ago, my goals were to improve teaching and learning, redevelop the school and consolidate the school onto one site at Blakeley Road.

Since then our school has been able to achieve:

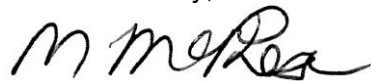
- growth in school data: from the lowest 2% of secondary schools in Victoria to on or above state average in all but one measure
- NAPLAN growth between years 7 - 9 which is now well above state average
- continuous improvement of VCE results
- the completion of two new buildings (Wellbeing and Engineers) with demolition for Stage 2.5 to start in the Easter holidays
- consolidation to one site where all students and staff are enjoying the benefit of the positive atmosphere, and
- improvements in professional learning to further develop staff knowledge and skills.

Now is a good time to look ahead to the next phase of the school and consider how CSC's current achievements can be celebrated and expanded. For me, this feels like an appropriate time to hand over the leadership of the school to a new principal. I have been 100% committed to CSC and I have found this an emotional decision. I hope I have had a lasting and positive impact on the staff, students and families of CSC and the broader Mount Alexander community.

This is an exciting time of change as CSC is entering its next phase. I have full confidence in the school Leadership Team and all staff to ensure the quality of education will continue through the transition to the appointment of a new principal.

I will miss this school community, especially our fabulous students and wish you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Mary McPherson
Principal