



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs

Tuesday, 02 July 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the summer term draws to an end and we prepare for the next academic year. I am writing to update you with some staffing announcements and changes from September 2024.

Firstly, Mrs Elson, Curriculum manager and English teacher will be retiring after 45 years' service at St. Vincent's School. Mrs Elson has been a long serving and committed member of the school and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors and Trustees to thank her for her hard work and commitment over the years and wish her a very happy retirement, she will be greatly missed.

Secondly, after 10 years, Dr Patterson will be resigning from his position as Principal of school and will be taking up a new role within the wider charity as, Director of strategy and planning, to ensure infrastructural funding for St. Vincent's.

It is with enormous gratitude that we reflect on his incredibly successful time, during which Dr Patterson has committed his time and energy to improving the outcomes and chances for all the pupils at St.Vincent's, tirelessly helping the school to gain significant recognition, not only locally but also nationally and internationally within the VI community. He has been a creative leader, achieving many outstanding outcomes along the way and will be greatly missed.

As with Mrs Elson, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors and Trustees to thank Dr Patterson for all his energy and commitment to St. Vincent's and its pupils over the last 10 years.

Over several weeks and in consultation with Governors, Trustees and school staff succession planning has started and it has been agreed that Mr Swanston Deputy Principal will lead the school as of August 31st 2024, as an interim measure, this interim measure will be in place until January 2025 while School works its way through the interviewing process to appoint a new Principal to lead the school through its next stage of development.

I have asked that Mr Swanston writes to all parents and guardians before the end of the school year, to update you fully on the interim measures and what this will involve.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Bernie Buckle.

Chair of Governors.

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