



1 March 2021

Dear Friends and Colleagues

I write to inform you that the College Principal, Mr Damian Messer, will be taking a well-deserved period of leave from Monday 22 March 2021 until Sunday 2 May 2021. During this period, Mrs Heidi Senior will take on the role of Acting Principal. Mrs Senior is well known to the College, being the current Deputy Principal and previously holding the roles of Director of Teaching and Learning, Head of Science and Year 7 Leader.

Mrs Senior will be well supported by Mr Daniel Lapolla, who will be the Acting Deputy Principal during this time. Mr Lapolla is a very experienced teacher and is in his ninth year at the College. He is currently the Director of Student Welfare and has previously held the positions of Assistant Principal, Head of House, Religious Education Coordinator and Director of Identity.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr Messer for his wonderful leadership over many years and wish him well for the period of leave. I have great confidence in Mrs Senior and Mr Lapolla and the leadership that they will provide at St Virgil's College during the time that Mr Messer is away.

Yours sincerely

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