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Dear Parents of St Patrick's Primary School

On behalf of the Most Reverend Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Armidale, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Belinda Burton to the position of Principal at St Mary's Primary School Armidale for the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Belinda is currently the Principal of St Patrick's Primary School, Walcha. She has held this position since 2018. Belinda has previously held a range of leadership positions within our system of schools spanning twenty-three years that include Assistant Principal and Religious Education Co-ordinator at St Mary's Armidale and St Joseph's Uralla.

Belinda has a Master of Arts from the Sydney College of Divinity BBI; Bachelor of Education from UNE; and a Diploma of Education from Armidale Teachers College. She is committed to creating a Catholic school environment that is open and welcoming. Belinda continues to be an active member of St Mary and Joseph Cathedral Parish of Armidale.

My thanks to the panel of Fr Roel Llave, Parish Priest; Jason Hanrahan, School Performance Leader; Cherie Yates, Principal representative; Kylie Rice, parent representative; and Kate Kenny, Head of Employee Services for working with me on this important leadership appointment.

I thank Alanna McRae for her leadership of St. Mary's during the last 7 years and wish her all the best for the future.

Belinda has our support and best wishes as she accepts this important position as Principal, St Mary's Primary School Armidale.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Smyth
Director of Schools