

Monday 25th May 2020

Vale Deb Locco

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing with a deep sense of shock and sorrow to inform you that our colleague, Deb Locco, was tragically killed in a hit-and-run collision while riding her bike late yesterday.

Deb was a much loved and admired colleague.

She was known to thousands of Victorian educators through her career as a Mathematics teacher, acting principal at Chandler Secondary College, principal at South Oakleigh Secondary College and her many regional roles, including as Acting Regional Director of the South Eastern Victoria Region.

At her heart she was a passionate educator, who always placed students first and had an unwavering commitment to supporting teachers and principals.

This was recognised in her award of an Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL) Fellowship just last year.

She had an infectious enthusiasm, both for life and work.

She had a clear sense of purpose and deep strength of character, nowhere more evident than in the dignity and fortitude with which she faced the tragic death of her husband, Frank, in 2017.

Deb leaves behind three children, one of whom is now also a colleague, currently working in the Victorian government school system.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family, and to her colleagues in South Eastern Victoria Region with whom she worked so closely over so many years.

Further details about opportunities to pay tribute to Deb's life and work will be provided when available.

Please remember the Employee Assistance Program is free, confidential and available to all Department employees on 1300 361 008.

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