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**KINROSS WOLAROI
SCHOOL**

Retirement of Head of Senior School

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I inform that the Head of Senior School, Mrs Bev West, will be retiring from Kinross Wolaroi School at the end of the 2018 academic year. Sadness, because KWS loses a highly valued and esteemed colleague but joy, as Bev will have some time to pursue her own interests. She can reflect upon a lifetime of outstanding service and contribution to the life of our students and community.

Bev has spent almost forty years on the academic staff at KWS and has witnessed tremendous growth and development in the School during her service. Her contribution to the full life of the School has been remarkable. Some of her responsibilities have included editor of the Tower magazine for 7 years, responsibility for the musical costuming for 14 years, Head of Miller House, Head of Prefects, Chair of the Wellbeing Team, Head of Languages (1983-2008), Head of Music, Senior HSC Marker (French), Head of Senior School, Acting Principal and Chair of HICES Deputies Committee. Bev's extensive experience across the broad life of the School has provided her an unrivalled insight and perspective, qualities that greatly enriched the Senior Management Team of the School.

Bev's extensive contribution is difficult to quantify, but unquestioned is the impact she has had on the lives of our students. Her actions have been consistently guided by the interests of the children in her care.

Similarly, Bev has been an exceptional role model and mentor to her staff. She shows great interest and care for those around her and has always availed herself to provide guidance and support. Bev has been, and continues to be a trusted leader.

Personally, I would like to thank Bev for her support of me as a newly appointed Principal. She has provided me with significant insight into the culture of Kinross Wolaroi School, gently and thoughtfully guiding me during our short journey together. I respect her strength of character and her commitment to the principles which guide her, her intelligence, good humour and grace, and her great courage and drive.

Bev's service leaves KWS a far richer place. She will be greatly missed by students, colleagues and support staff although I am sure we will continue to see her at School as she supports her grandchildren.

On behalf of the School community, I wish Bev every happiness as she explores new opportunities outside KWS and embraces a very exciting new chapter of her life.

An extensive search will commence shortly to appoint Bev's successor. A suitable farewell will be arranged for Bev with details being announced as they become available.

With best wishes,

Dr Andrew Parry
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