



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

In reply please quote:

22 June 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

I wish to inform you that your Principal, Mr Pat Berlingeri, has been asked to be the Interim principal at St Patrick's School, Mentone from Monday 14 August until the end of the school year, Wednesday 20 December 2023. Pat has accepted this secondment and looks forward to returning to St Finbar's, Brighton East at the conclusion of this period. Pat's last day for this year will be Friday 11th August.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) often seeks the support of experienced Principals to undertake such roles for a period of time. Pat being approached for this secondment is an acknowledgement of his quality leadership at St Finbar's. This appointment has been necessary as Mr Tim Noonan, Principal of Mentone, has accepted a new position with MACS. Pat's leadership and support to this community will ensure a smooth transition for the school as the process to appoint a new Principal at Mentone in 2024 commences.

Ms Michelle Hill has been appointed as Acting Principal of St Finbar's from Mon 14 August and for the remainder of Term 3 and Term 4. Together with the school leaders and staff, Michelle and the team are well placed to continue the good work led by Pat, for the benefit of your students.

I thank Pat for his support of the system and have every confidence in St Finbar's leadership and staff, that your community will continue to progress in all aspects of the school in this time.

Kind regards

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