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ANNOUNCEMENT

Principal - St Joseph's Catholic Parish Primary School, Bulli

Following an extensive recruitment and discernment process, I am pleased to announce that **Kaylene Costello-Duffin** has been appointed to the position of Principal at St Joseph's Catholic Parish Primary School, Bulli. Kaylene will commence in the role from the beginning of the 2024 school year.

Kaylene brings a wealth of leadership experience having performed the roles of *Principal* at Holy Cross Catholic Parish Primary School, Helensburgh (2020 to current) and *Assistant Principal* at St Joseph's Catholic Parish Primary School, Bulli (2018-2019). In addition, Kaylene has also worked in Leadership positions at St Michael's Catholic Parish Primary School, Thirroul, and St Columbkille's Catholic Parish Primary School, Corrimal.

As evidenced by her approach to leadership and instructional teaching and learning, Kaylene demonstrates an ongoing commitment to personal and professional development. Kaylene has acquired qualifications including a Bachelor Degree of Education with Honours (UOW), and a Masters of Theology (University of Newcastle). Kaylene also holds the prestigious NESA accreditation of *Highly Accomplished Teacher and Lead Teacher*.

Please join me in congratulating Kaylene on her appointment to this position and I look forward to the positive contribution that Kaylene will have on the St Joseph's, Bulli community.

May I also take this opportunity to acknowledge and recognise Mrs Jen Charadia who has been Principal of the school since 2017. Jen has made a significant contribution to the educational improvement of St Joseph's and I am deeply grateful for her leadership and her contribution to Catholic education in the Diocese of Wollongong. Jen will remain as Principal until the conclusion of the year and I am sure there will be many opportunities to celebrate her achievements and recognise her contribution in the coming weeks.

A recruitment process for the position of Principal at Holy Cross Catholic Parish Primary School, Helensburgh will commence shortly.

Sincerely

Peter Hill

Director of Schools

Diocese of Wollongong