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Dear members of the Cabra college community

RE: Mr Brian Schumacher

This morning Edmund Rice Education Australia announced that Brian Schumacher has accepted their invitation to become the Principal of Rostrevor College from the beginning of the 2018 school year.

Brian has been Principal of Cabra Dominican College for eight years. Over this time he has made a significant contribution to the development of our College and to its capacity as a school that now caters for over 1200 students.

In particular, Brian has been able to articulate a vision for our school that has caught people's imagination and that has helped produce some wonderful outcomes for our students and their families: improved results at Year 12; a pastoral care system that allows our students to be known and cared for on an individual basis; proactive student behaviour management programs; curriculum and pedagogy reviews and (where appropriate) reforms; a continuing commitment to a quality education for students with disabilities; a lived appreciation of what it means to be a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition today.

Brian enjoys an enviable reputation in the SA professional school leadership sphere, and he has been a major contributor over the past few years to the development of policies in SA Catholic Education during a very challenging time. Rostrevor has, in my view, made an inspired choice. They will be blessed by Brian's leadership as we at Cabra have been blessed.

The Cabra College Board met last Wednesday to finalise a plan to select and appoint a new principal. I anticipate that the rest of Term 3 this year will be taken up with Cabra community consultation processes to help the Board understand what professional and personal qualities we should look for in our new principal. I have added my mobile number below should anyone wish to contact me at this stage. We hope to be able to advertise the position of Cabra Principal late September, with an appointment announced before the end of the year.

I will write to you again shortly with further details of the Board's principal selection and appointment plans for 2018.

For now, I offer Brian our heartfelt congratulations on his new appointment. We will take the opportunity before the end of the school year to thank Brian both formally and personally for his time as our educational leader.

Yours sincerely

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