

St Columba's Parish, Ballarat North



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Dear Staff, School Advisory Council and Parents,

Re: Principalship at St. Columba's

I write to notify you that Ms Kim Butler has informed me of her decision to resign from her position as Principal of St. Columba's Primary School at the end of the 2019 school year.

Kim became Principal of St. Columba's School at the commencement of the 2014 school year. Upon application, Kim was given 12 months leave to further enhance and enrich her leadership capabilities through a missionary experience provided by Ryder Cheshire. In 2019, Kim returned to St Columba's Primary School as Co-Principal role with Mr Shaun Mohr. Kim has discerned that she is called to explore a new direction within the field of Catholic Education. Kim is to be lauded for the courage, commitment and faith that this decision clearly demonstrates.

Throughout her time at St Columba's School Kim has demonstrated exceptional faith filled educational leadership, professionalism and integrity. Building on the foundations set by her predecessors, Kim has skilfully led St Columba's school community through a period of continued growth. We will always be indebted to Kim for her great work at St Columba's. There will be time to duly recognise Kim for her efforts later in the year.

Given, Mr. Shaun Mohr's current contract also concludes at the end of the 2019 school year, a process to select and appoint a new Principal/Co-Principals will be initiated under my direction. Shaun will of course be welcome to apply for this position either by himself or in conjunction with a colleague as Co-Principals. The Catholic Education Office will facilitate the appointment process with an advertisement to be placed as soon as possible. The appointment process will involve consultation with the school community to determine the school's leadership needs. Further details of this process will be forthcoming.

Any time of transition involves challenges and it is most important that, as a whole school community, we fully recognise our common purpose to provide the best for the children enrolled at St. Columba's Primary School showing respect for all involved. Your prayerful support at this time will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Marcello Colasante P.P
Governing Authority

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We are Eucharistic People, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus