



MEDIA RELEASE

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St Mary's announces new principal

After a comprehensive six month search, the Board of Directors of St Mary Star of the Sea College has announced the appointment of Mr Frank Pitt as its next Principal, effective from January 2010.

Mr Pitt, an Albion Park resident, is well-known and respected in Wollongong education circles and was chosen from a distinguished field of candidates.

According to Chairperson of the Selection Committee, Mrs Brenda Wilson, Mr Pitt's appointment corresponds with an exciting new stage in the College's development.

"Mr Pitt is a talented and inspiring educational and faith filled leader. He has the skills and experience to lead our outstanding team and the community of St Mary's into the future," said Mrs Wilson.

The College's search began with an innovative consultation process that sought the views of staff, students and parents on what they believed the College needed in its new principal. The outcomes of the consultation process underpinned the selection criteria.



The Selection Committee was impressed by Mr Pitt's thorough knowledge of current trends and developments in education and his strong commitment to collaborative leadership.

"It is both a pleasure and honour to be appointed to take on the role St Mary's Principal next year. It is such an exciting time to be joining the College and I am looking forward to the challenge of serving a long established and highly respected school," said Mr Pitt.

Mr Pitt's career in education spans over 31 years and he is currently the Principal of Mater Dei in Camden.

"He is a skilled communicator and enjoys demonstrated success as a leader and administrator of education at the highest levels of the profession," Mrs Wilson added.

In 2005 he received the Australian College of Educators Outstanding Educator Award and has written and presented papers on a wide range of educational topics at national conferences. He is currently Chairman of the Wollongong Diocesan Finance Council and Treasurer of the Wollongong Diocesan Principals Association.

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Mr. Pitt follows on from long serving Principal Fay Gurr and Acting Principal Greg Elliott.

“We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Greg for his enthusiasm and dedication to the College this year. He has and will continue to do a wonderful job in the position of Acting Principal until the end of the year.”

While Mater Dei Camden remains Mr Pitt’s current priority, a transitioning process will commence towards the end of this year with Mr Pitt visiting St Mary’s on a number of occasions, before commencing his duties formally in January 2010.

“Mr. Pitt sees leadership primarily as service to others and he lives by this creed both professionally and personally. We are delighted that Mr. Pitt has accepted the position of Principal and we look forward to welcoming him to St Mary’s.

“We have no doubt that he will make a lasting contribution to the life of the College,” said Mrs Wilson.

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