

31 May 2024

Dear St Edmund's College Community,

I am delighted to announce that, after an open selection process and significant period of discernment, Mr Tim Cleary has been appointed as the next Principal of St Edmund's College, Canberra for commencement in January 2025.

I am grateful to the Selection Panel which supported me with this process, comprised of Mr Peter Fullagar, Regional Director of Education EREA Colleges, Mr Ross Fox, Director of the Canberra Goulburn Catholic Education Office, John Owens, Chair of the College Advisory Council, Ms Sandra Darley, Principal of St Francis Xavier College, Canberra, Ms Suzanne Greenwood, former parent at St Edmund's College, Canberra, and Mr Mark Bonnici, Principal of St Edward's College, Gosford.

Tim is the current Principal of St Thomas Aquinas Primary School in West Belconnen. Tim has significant previous experience as a Principal, having led St Augustine's College, Sydney (2002-2016) and All Saints College, Maitland (2018-2019). Tim also held a significant leadership role as a Director of System Performance in the Archdiocese of Sydney Catholic Education Office (2020-2021). Tim has a special connection to the college community having started his teaching career at St Edmund's and previously serving as Deputy Principal of the College for five years earlier in his career. Tim is an inspirational and faith-focused leader who has worked in Catholic education for over 30 years. We are looking forward to welcoming Tim back to St Edmund's College and to him leading the College into the future as it continues a period of recent growth.

In his application, Tim highlighted:

My longstanding relationship with St Edmund's College further strengthens my commitment to its values and mission. I began my career at St Edmund's as a new scheme teacher, where I developed a deep understanding of the school's culture and ethos. Over the years, I progressed to the role of a

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middle manager and later served as a Deputy Headmaster for five years. This firsthand experience has given me valuable insights into the unique needs and aspirations of the St Edmund's community. I am totally committed to serve St Edmund's with a passion to deliver on the promise of dedication, right relationships, and a strategic imperative to support enrolments, financial strength and educational excellence.

Finally, I again extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mr Joe Zavone for his outstanding and inspirational leadership of St Edmund's College over the past seven years. In welcoming Tim Cleary, we are also looking forward to showing our appreciation and gratitude for the contribution that Joe Zavone has made, at the end of the school year.

Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Woolley'.

Chris Woolley
CEO EREA Colleges Ltd