



17 June 2024

St Paul's Primary School
Mildura

Dear families,

I am delighted to share with you that Melissa Sutherland has been appointed as Principal of St Paul's Primary School, Mildura.

Melissa will commence in the role at the beginning of the 2025 school year.

Melissa will be well known to many of you as an integral part of the St Paul's community since 2000, serving in various capacities such as a dedicated classroom teacher, Mathematics Leader, and Deputy Principal since 2014. Additionally, Melissa stepped into the role of Interim Principal during parts of the 2022 and 2023 school years, showcasing her leadership abilities and commitment to the school's mission.

Deeply committed to Catholic Education, and a collaborative leader, Melissa's contribution to St Paul's, and the diocese more broadly over many years, is testament to her capacity to deliver impactful learning opportunities, and a supportive, caring environment for children.

Melissa's leadership style is underpinned by the development of positive relationships with all. Under her leadership, communication and engagement with families, along with growing the strength and vibrancy of the St Paul's community, will be high priorities.

Melissa is a lifelong learner, participating in professional development in learning and teaching, wellbeing and Enhancing Catholic School Identity. She has completed a Master of Education - Early Numeracy and is currently studying for a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health for Education with La Trobe University.

Please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Melissa on this well-deserved appointment.

Yours sincerely

Tom Sexton
Executive Director