



2 August 2024

Dear members of the Lumen Christi Primary School community,

Catholic educational leadership, at times, requires us to move in directions that we do not anticipate and experience unexpected periods of disruption or change for the greater good.

As Executive Director, I have asked Carmel Hanley to support the wider Catholic Education community. I write to inform you that she has agreed to act as principal for Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree, for the remainder of the 2024 school year. Carmel will commence in this role on Monday, 12 August.

I am grateful to Carmel for her spirit of dedication to our system of schools and to her colleague principals. While this decision will mean that Carmel is supporting another school at a time when their principal is on unexpected leave, I appreciate the impact this has on the Lumen Christi community.

Your school is fortunate to have a rich and experienced team of leaders, and I am grateful to be able to call on their leadership to support another setting at this time.

In Carmel's absence, Shane Bruty will fill the acting Principal role at Lumen Christi until the end of this year. As you are aware, Shane brings to his work a strong sense of commitment and professionalism, along with compassion and care for all members of the community. Carmel will resume her duties at Lumen to commence the 2025 school year.

Carmel and Shane will communicate with you any resulting staffing adjustments to be made to support this change in leadership at Lumen.

I am confident that both school communities will experience strong and steady leadership with the support of both Carmel and Shane, and I express my gratitude to them both for their willingness to provide support when needed.

Yours sincerely

Tom Sexton
Executive Director
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