



13 September 2024

Dear members of the St Patrick's School Camperdown community,

Tim Bourke has advised me that he is resigning as principal of St Patrick's Primary School, Camperdown, at the end of Term Three.

Tim has been principal at St Patrick's since January 2022 having initially stepped in at short notice during COVID-19. I am very grateful for Tim's leadership at St Patrick's in this time.

Tim was previously Principal at St Joseph's Coleraine and St Colman's Mortlake. I acknowledge and thank Tim for his many years of service as principal in all three schools.

Throughout his time as Principal, Tim has demonstrated that he is a passionate educator who has always placed a great emphasis on working with staff, parents and the parish community to provide the best possible learning outcomes for all children. In his time as Principal, Tim has always endeavoured to create a positive and welcoming community for all. As a leader in our diocese, Tim has always been generous in his support of the Principal Networks and Diocesan committees to which he belonged.

I would also commend Tim for the work he has done in relation to the current building project at St Patrick's.

Tim has generously provided his resignation to allow time for a new principal to be appointed for the 2025 school year.

To support the transition to a new principal of St Patrick's, consultation and advertising for a replacement will commence shortly with the intent for the successful applicant to begin at the start of the 2025 school year.

In terms of arrangements for the remainder of 2024, I have asked Ben van de Camp, Principal of St John's School Dennington, to take on the role of interim Principal at St Patrick's for Term Four. Ben, with the support of the St John's leadership team, has generously and willingly agreed to this arrangement, for which I am extremely grateful.

Ben is not unfamiliar to the Camperdown community, having previously taught at St Patrick's and is an experienced educational leader. Ben has previously been a Principal at St Joseph's Penshurst and St Thomas' Terang. Ben has a strong sense of wellbeing and the learning environment required to support effective teaching and learning.

We thank Tim for his contribution to the St Patrick's community and wish him the very best in his future endeavours.

Yours Sincerely

Tom Sexton
Executive Director