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Dear Sacred Heart Casterton community members,

I am writing to inform you that Ms. Suzie McManus has announced her resignation from her position as Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Casterton, effective at the end of the 2024 school year.

Suzie has been a valued member of the Sacred Heart community since 2011, initially joining as a classroom teacher and assuming the role of Principal in 2020. She has been integral in the formation of the Western Trinity (Sacred Heart, Casterton, St Malachy's, Edenhope and St Joseph's Coleraine) and her collaborative approach with Principal colleagues has fostered strong connections and cooperation among the Western Trinity schools. Both within Sacred Heart Primary School and across the Western Trinity schools, Suzie has demonstrated unwavering dedication to high standards of pedagogical practices. Suzie has been a voice for reconciliation in her community, and her commitment to navigating the challenges of the pandemic has been commendable, especially in her first year of Principalship.

During her time at Sacred Heart, Suzie has made significant contributions across all areas of the school. She has greatly influenced curriculum development and has developed effective documenting structures and processes for curriculum and assessment. Suzie's expertise in assessing and analysing student data has particularly benefited students with diverse learning needs, extending support not only at Sacred Heart but also to St. Malachy's, Edenhope and St. Joseph's, Coleraine.

Suzie has also worked collaboratively to support teachers and staff in promoting student agency and ensured active student leadership within the school community.

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to Suzie for her wonderful contributions to Sacred Heart Primary School and the Diocese of Ballarat. We are fortunate that her skills, knowledge, and passion for learning will continue to benefit our students in her new role as the Western Trinity Learning and Teaching Leader.

We will begin the process of consulting and advertising for the next Principal of Sacred Heart, Casterton, later this week. Further information about this process will be shared in early Term Four.

Yours Sincerely

**Tom Sexton**  
Executive Director