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Dear St Mary's Warracknabeal school community,

I write to inform you that Julie Leonard has been appointed Principal of St Mary's, Warracknabeal. Julie will commence this new position at the beginning of the 2025 school year.

Julie has served the community of Sacred Heart Primary School, Colac, since 2020 as a professional and effective leader. She is a passionate and pastoral contributor to our Diocesan education community and demonstrates a dedication that is both genuine and generous. Julie's previous history has involved teaching and leadership positions at St Patrick's Primary School in Geelong West, St Mary's Catholic Primary in Darwin, St Francis of Assisi in Humpty Doo in NT, St Patrick's Primary School in Nhill and St Francis Xavier in Daly River NT.

Julie successfully completed further study and has a Master's in Theology in 2017. Her experience as a leader in Catholic schools includes Acting Principal and Curriculum Coordinator at Daly River in Northern Territory and Religious Education Leader, Wellbeing Leader and Child Safety Officer at Sacred Heart, Colac.

Julie's influence and leadership at Sacred Heart, Colac has resulted in a healthy culture that lifts staff and students to be the best learners and citizens they can be. Julie is well respected by the staff and is held in high regard for her ability to build relations, her empathetic nature and her supportive leadership style.

Julie is also an active member of her parish community and enjoys participating in community events.

I offer my congratulations to Julie on her appointment. I ask you to join me in wishing Julie all the best in her new role and welcoming her to the St Mary's, Warracknabeal school community.

Yours sincerely

Tom Sexton
Executive Director