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Dear St Joseph's School Penshurst Community,

I am writing to inform you that Lisa McDonald has been appointed to the one-year Interim Principal position at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Penshurst, for the 2025 school year.

Lisa comes to this role with a strong primary and secondary education background. Initially teaching Music, Humanities, and Religion in secondary schools, Lisa later pursued further studies to transition into primary education, broadening her teaching experience and qualifications.

Throughout her career, Lisa has taken on numerous leadership roles, including Acting Vice Principal, Director of Music, Arts Coordinator, Head of Careers, Head of Humanities, Year-Level Coordinator, and Daily Organiser. She has also coordinated several key school events, such as Presentation Balls, Career Camps, Arts Evenings, school musicals, and music ensembles. These roles have allowed her to develop a wide range of leadership skills.

Lisa's leadership and communication style are deeply founded on Christ's teachings. As a leader, Lisa is guided by the belief that every child has the right to be educated not only academically but also socially, physically, and spiritually. Her educational philosophy centres on educating the whole person and fostering meaningful connections with students, staff, families, and the broader community. The values of compassion, empathy and collaboration reflect her approach to leadership, as she works to ensure that students are equipped with the skills to move forward in life with confidence, respect, and wisdom underpinned by Christian values.

Please join me in congratulating Lisa on her appointment as Interim Principal. I wish her all the best as she leads St Joseph's, Penshurst, through the 2025 school year, and I ask you to offer your full support as she embarks on this important role.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Sexton
Executive Director