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Dear Parents & Guardians,

On behalf of the Board of the South Coast Anglican Schools I am delighted to advise you that Mr Darren McPartland has been appointed Principal of St Peter's Anglican College, Broulee as from 1 January 2018.

Prior to this appointment, Mr McPartland was Director of Pastoral Care and Leadership at Hale School in Perth, Western Australia, an Anglican school in the northern beachside suburb of Wembley Downs. As a member of the school's executive he has held specific responsibility for the pastoral systems (K-12) of the school which includes – the house system, psychological services team, health centre, and leadership programs.

Mr McPartland is a strong believer in the importance of building relationships in schools. "We cannot underestimate the importance of our students developing respectful relationships, the soft skills which are so significant in the 21st century, and ensuring school culture drives students to give their best in all areas."



Darren McPartland began his teaching career in 1990 at St Mark's Anglican Community School in Hillarys, Western Australia. He started as Physical Education teacher after being the Events Manager at the Western Australian Cricket Association. His increasing responsibility at St Mark's included Head of PE, Head of Sport and Head of Year.

After St Marks, Mr McPartland worked in Borneo as a consultant for the developer of a 5-star resort. Achievements here included improving the management structure of the Country Club, building a turtle hatchery and training locals to help them obtain employment in the resort.

Returning to Australia Mr McPartland primarily worked as the Head of PE and Sport in the following independent schools: St Michael's Grammar School (Melbourne), St Philip's College (Alice Springs) and Radford College (Canberra).

Mr McPartland returned to Perth in 2004 to Christ Church Grammar School. Here he held a variety of roles including Head of PE, Director of Co-curricular and Planning and Head of Moyes House. "One of my great memories from Christ Church

was in my 1st year as Head of Moyes House where we won the house competition after Moyes had finished 8th (last) for the previous 6 years.”

He has also worked with professional and semi-professional sporting teams including the Collingwood Football Club, South Fremantle Football Club and the WA cycling team. Mr McPartland is also the lead author of two sports science text books.

Mr McPartland earned a Bachelor of Sports Science from the University of Western Australia and a Diploma of Education from Edith Cowan University. He has played sport at a high level in a variety of sports including: cricket, baseball, hockey and golf. His fitness regime today includes surfing, swimming and cycling.

Mr McPartland is married to Kelly, a Registered Nurse and they have two children Rosie (8) and Deakin (10). Both Rosie and Deakin will be starting at St Peter's in Years 4 and 6 respectively.



“We are very excited about moving over to the South Coast and immersing ourselves in the local community. Rosie and Deakin have already looked up the local surf, netball, football, cricket and hockey clubs and Kelly and I will be putting our hands up to get involved with their teams. I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to lead St Peter's in the College's next chapter whilst living in one of the great parts of Australia.”

“In the new year, I look forward to meeting and getting to know the students, staff, and families of St Peter's, both current and future. I trust everyone will have a safe, joyous and holy Christmas.”

The College community has been blessed to attract such an enthusiastic and experienced person as Principal. Now that we know what 2018 brings we can continue to move our academic program forward, thankful that once more God has blessed the College.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John D. Oates". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John D. Oates
Chair