

Announcement to staff and parents of The Scots School Bathurst

29 August 2017

On behalf of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW, we are very pleased to announce that the Bishop in Council and the All Saints' College Council have accepted our offer under an Expression of Interest to purchase All Saints' College.

The opportunity to bring together two leading Protestant schools in Bathurst as one is an aspiration that many individuals in our two churches and our two school communities have prayed about for a long time.

The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church are privileged to be provided with this opportunity by the Bishop in Council and the All Saints' College Council. We wish to assure The Scots School community, and the school community at All Saints' College, of our desire to combine the best of our two schools together into one school that glorifies God, and in which present and future generations of students will be proud.

The Trustees and the Board of The Scots School Bathurst believe this will benefit the students, staff and parents of both schools and expand the educational opportunities in the City of Bathurst.

While we will be working through a due diligence process over the next few weeks, we wish to provide the following assurances to the parents and staff of both schools:

1. We are committed to the continuity of education and the staffing structures of both schools for 2018. Parents of current Year 10 and Year 11 students can be assured of the continuity of their children's subject choices for the HSC without change.
2. The student leadership of both schools will not change in 2018.
3. We will form a working group with representatives from both schools to develop a change management plan for 2019 and following years. This will include review of the name of the combined school, structure, and a myriad of other decisions that will naturally arise from the bringing together of two schools.
4. Although we cannot promise, our strong preference is to maintain and operate two campuses for current and future generations of students, and the purchase of All Saints will not require the sale of any property.

While this announcement may cause some parents, students and staff, some anxiety in the immediate short term, we wish to assure you of our considered approach to the governance and combined structure of the two schools. We will not be rushing into decisions, but will be seeking to facilitate a close working relationship involving representatives from both the school communities as we plan for the future.

We believe the merger of two respected schools in Bathurst will provide students with a wider choice of subjects and co-curricular opportunities at every level of their education and will provide students of both schools with enhanced opportunities to develop their interests and character.

The coming together of the two schools will show that Bathurst, as a leading regional city in NSW, will be well served by its schools in the State, Roman Catholic and Protestant sectors. This should give present and prospective parents of students the assurance that their children will be educated in a way that suits their abilities and develops their potential.

We expect that the purchase process will be conducted professionally and speedily over the next few weeks.

Again, on behalf of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW, and The Scots School Bathurst Board, we wish to assure all staff, parents and students of our commitment to the education of our students to the highest standards, within a Christian worldview.

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