

PRINCIPAL POSITION UPDATE

On behalf of the School Board, I am pleased to provide you with a further update on the matter of the Principal's position.

Last Friday, Brendan Walker rang to inform me that he had provided his notice of retirement to the Department of Education and would not be returning to Floreat Park Primary School as Principal. Yesterday, the North Metropolitan Regional Education Office confirmed with me that Mr Walker's retirement has been accepted.

As a result, the Department of Education has withdrawn the process announced last week to appoint an interim Principal for Terms 3 and 4 and will instead launch a full merit selection process for a substantive and permanent Principal for our school.

The selection process will take place during Term 3, with the intention to appoint a permanent Principal from Term 4 onwards.

This is an excellent outcome for our school and we now have a clear pathway towards certainty and stability of permanent leadership.

As an Independent Public School, we will also have a role to play in the selection of the Principal. The Department of Education will form a five-member selection panel and has indicated it will invite our school community's participation through the Board Chair.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael McInerheney, who as our Principal for the past 12 months, has graciously agreed to continue in this role in Term 3 while the selection process is underway. Our school has benefitted greatly from the continuity and stability of his leadership.

As well, to our parents and staff, thank you for your patience, support and the confidence you've placed in the Board to manage this very important issue on your behalf. I appreciate at times the information sent to the school community has changed within a matter of days or weeks. This is the nature of the process and, at all times, we have strived to be open and transparent. The North Metropolitan Regional Education Office has commended the Board for working constructively with them and the Department of Education to reach this welcome outcome.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please contact myself or any other Board member.

Justine Burnett, School Board Chair