



**Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Members of the Penola Catholic College community

**Re: Mr Chris Caldow**

I am writing to inform you that after nine and a half years of outstanding leadership as Principal of Penola Catholic College, Mr Chris Caldow has resigned to take up the position of Principal at MacKillop Catholic Regional College Werribee commencing in Term 3 2023.

Chris has led Penola Catholic College and continues to do so with wisdom, compassion and unwavering commitment to the needs of the Penola students. He is someone who brings both enthusiasm and surety to his leadership. Chris' authentic commitment to the beliefs and values of Catholic faith and Catholic education are evident in his efforts to deepen staff and students' understanding and spirituality in the Josephite way.

His personal knowledge and familiarity with the Penola families has been a constant and defining characteristic of his leadership. During Chris' tenure he has focused on strengthening and improving the College's resourcing of infrastructure and programs to support learning and teaching. These initiatives include an explicit literacy focus including the introduction of instructional coaches and improvements in the College facilities with the completion of the Trades Skills Centre, the Glenroy gymnasium and the new VCE and VCAL building on the Broadmeadows campus.

His stewardship of the College's facilities, finance and resources has been important in successfully positioning the College to better meet the needs of current and future students. Chris' commitment, leadership and many contributions to Penola Catholic College over the past nine and a half years are acknowledged with deep appreciation. He is currently the longest serving Principal of Penola Catholic College and in 2017 achieved the highest VCE median study score in its history.

Robert Dullard has been appointed as Acting Principal of Penola Catholic College for the remainder of the 2023 school year. Rob is well known to many within the Penola community given his seventeen and a half years of faithful service to Penola Catholic College. He has held a number of different roles throughout this time including Head of Teaching and Learning, Acting Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching, Deputy Principal- Head of the Glenroy campus and his current role as Deputy Principal – Faith and Mission. He has been a member of the Finance Committee at Penola for a number of years and is well placed to lead Penola Catholic College for the remainder of the year whilst the appointment of a new Principal takes place.

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