



Foundation Office

For the Whole of Their Life

Dear College Community,

I write to inform the St Philip's Christian College community that Dr Timothy Petterson has advised me of his resignation following the acceptance of his appointment as Headmaster of the Shore School in Sydney. Dr Petterson will remain at SPCC Port Stephens until the end of Term 4, before commencing at Shore in 2020.

Dr Petterson joined St Philip's in 2013 after the unexpected passing of Mr Chris Walkling, the school's Founding Principal. He sensitively supported a grieving community and over time, recast a vision for the future direction of the school. This saw a new Master Plan developed and the first elements of this, namely a Senior School academic precinct and carpark, are now nearing completion.

In the almost seven years that Dr Petterson has been Principal the school has developed in many notable ways. Under his leadership, he has championed the pursuit of excellence across all endeavours. The College has attracted many high calibre staff and has enjoyed growing academic success. Dr Petterson's contribution to the Christian mission of the School and his unshamed stand for the Christian faith are worthy of particular mention.

We will not only miss Tim but also Susan his wife, as she has also made a significant contribution to the life and mission of our school and beyond. Tim's daughter Rebecca and son Henry have completed much of their schooling with us and are greatly loved by all. Rebecca is now at Sydney University. The family have developed a great affection for the Bay and I am sure we will continue to see them on occasion.

I am personally sad that Tim is leaving the St Philip's organisation as he has been a very valuable member of our senior team of leaders contributing much to the wider vision and management of our school group. He is a man of strong faith and highly competent as a Principal. Any school that secures his services would be fortunate and the Shore School has chosen well.

The recruitment process will commence to make the appointment of a new Principal for St Philip's Christian College, Port Stephens as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition for our students, staff and the wider school community.

Every blessing,

Graeme Irwin

Executive Principal