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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students, and the wider community of Shellharbour Anglican College

Appointment of Ms Megan Hastie BA (Hons) DipEd MEd, as next Principal of Shellharbour Anglican College



On behalf of the Board of the Anglican Schools Corporation and the Council of Shellharbour Anglican College, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Megan Hastie to take up the position of Principal of Shellharbour Anglican College in 2020.

Following a thorough selection process, it was clear that Ms Hastie would be the best person to lead the College into its next phase of growth and development. Both the School Council and the Board have affirmed their confidence in Ms Hastie's capacity for the leadership of the College into the future and have appointed Ms Hastie as Principal from January 2020.

Ms Hastie will succeed Mr Tony Cummings, our Foundation Head of College, who retires at the end of 2019. Mr Cummings has led the school with great vision, determination and a clear Christian faith for fifteen years, and will leave the College in a strong position for the future. For this, the Board and the School Council thank him most sincerely.

Ms Hastie comes to the College as an intelligent, creative and experienced school leader. She has held senior positions over a career in education of some 25 years, including Deputy Principal (current) and Acting Joint Principal (Blue Mountains Grammar School); Head of Teaching and Learning Innovation (St Paul's Grammar School) and Head of English (St Paul's Grammar School). Ms Hastie is knowledgeable and experienced in driving academic performance but sees it as part of a wider picture of supporting the whole child – she will always come back to the need to integrate social, emotional, academic and spiritual wellbeing for any student.

Ms Hastie knows Shellharbour Anglican College to be a Christian faith-based, Anglican school with a clear vision to provide quality, affordable education. The fact that the College is grounded in the Christian faith, and that the College is so clearly shaped by the gospel, is at the heart of Ms Hastie's desire to serve the College as its next Principal.

Ms Hastie said "I am excited by the opportunity to lead and serve this community, so carefully led by Mr Cummings and his dedicated staff. Shellharbour Anglican College is in a strong position to continue growing and blessing the Illawarra, and I look forward to working with the staff, students and families building on such solid foundations. It is a blessing to be able to serve the Lord in this wonderful school".

Ms Hastie and her husband, David, currently attend Emu Plains Anglican church. Together, they have three sons. Ms Hastie's wider family are residents of the Illawarra.

Please join with us in congratulating Ms Hastie on her appointment as Principal of Shellharbour Anglican College, and in welcoming her to the College. We look forward to this exciting new step in the College's journey, under God's guidance, as we continue to prepare young people to make a difference in our world.

Yours sincerely

Mr Philip Bell OAM
Corporation Chairman

Mr Rob Aubin
Chair, School Council