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Dear Members of the Peninsula Grammar School Community,

It is with great respect, gratitude and sadness that our Principal Stuart Johnston has decided to retire next year at the end of the 2024 school year.

In his exemplary 15-year tenure as Principal, Stuart's dedication to our school and enhancement of the learning experience has been transformative for our students, parents, teachers, alumni and broader community. Under his impressive leadership, the academic standing of the school has flourished, driven by an inspiring focus on the individual growth of every child, educator and staff member who has had the privilege to have known him. He leaves us having led a pipeline of projects, positioning our school as one of the best in the country for educational programs and facilities.

I would like to congratulate Stuart on his retirement and look forward to many opportunities during next year to celebrate all that he has achieved and the incredible legacy he leaves. I have been blessed to have had a strong relationship with Stuart as the Chair and thank him for providing us with the time for a successful transition.

As only the fourth Principal in a proud 63-year history of the School, Stuart sees Peninsula Grammar as a critical part of our community. Stuart has strengthened purposeful connections between the Alumni and Parents' Associations and the local life around us. His attendance at significant school celebrations reflects his championing of Peninsula Grammar's community spirit and his understanding of the power of connection not only to the individual but to a broader collective. Under his leadership the school has thrived.

As Chair of the school board, I will continue to work closely with Stuart on our succession planning and our Search Committee will now embark on recruiting a new school Principal, which will include canvassing international candidates.

I will update our community as this process progresses over the coming months. On behalf of the board, I wish Stuart, his wife Cathie and family all the best as they begin their next chapter. Any questions regarding this process can be directed to announcements@pgs.vic.edu.au

As always, I thank you for your continued support of our school.



Mary Robinson
Chair

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