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Dear Members of the Peninsula Grammar School community.

It is with great pleasure I announce on behalf of the Board, that our next Principal, our fifth for Peninsula Grammar School, is Mrs Leandra Turner BA LLB., Dip.Ed., Dip. Dance.

The appointment comes following the decision of our current Principal Stuart Johnston to retire 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 and culture has been transformative for our students, parents, teachers, alumni and broader community.

As part of the recruitment process, members of the Board and I reviewed applications from across Australia and internationally. We took the time to undertake intensive interviews involving a number of our key stakeholders, to ensure we found the best possible fit for our incredible school.

I want to take a moment to thank our candidates, the Board and all those who contributed to this recruitment process. It was thanks to everyone's commitment and dedication that this process resulted in us finding the right person to carry on our legacy as a leading co-educational school.

Mrs Turner brings over 30 years of experience and a deep commitment to educational excellence to the position of the 5th Principal of Peninsula Grammar School. Her career began at Caulfield Grammar School, where she played a key role in strategic leadership and innovative program development, with academics and personal development at the forefront. Following her Head of Senior School role at Caulfield Grammar School, she served as Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School at Firkbank Grammar School, focusing on nurturing academic and personal growth with continued emphasis on well-being and belonging. Mrs Turner has significant Acting Principal experience in schools that emphasise a wholistic education across sport, music, and academic achievement.

Mrs Turner is described by those who know her as "warm and real" and I look forward to you experiencing this too as you all get to know her. Mrs Turner will continue to prepare our students for success as they navigate adult life and help to shape well-rounded, conscientious and considerate global citizens.

An intensive onboarding program with Mr Johnston and Mrs Turner will commence leading into transition for 2025. She will work closely with me, the Board and executive staff to immerse herself in the Peninsula Grammar ethos before the commencement of the 2025 school year and beyond.

Mrs Turner and her husband, Rob, have two children and are familiar with the Mornington Peninsula and our wonderful community. We look forward to immersing her in all that our school and local community has to offer and know she will be an inspiring leader as we begin the next chapter of our school's history.

As always, thank you for your support of our school and we look forward to you meeting our next Principal in person over the course of 2024 and beyond.

Mary Robinson
Chair

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