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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students, and the wider community of Richard Johnson Anglican School

Appointment of Mr Alan Dawson, BA BMus MMusStud MEdLead, as the next Principal, Richard Johnson Anglican School.



On behalf of the Board of Anglican Schools Corporation and the School Council of Richard Johnson Anglican School, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Alan Dawson to take up the position of Principal of Richard Johnson Anglican School – effective immediately.

In the course of a thorough selection process, it became very clear that Mr Dawson would be the best person to lead the School into its next phase of growth and development. Both the School Council and the Board have affirmed their confidence in Mr Dawson's capacity for the leadership of the School into the future and, accordingly, have appointed Mr Dawson as Principal from Term Two 2021.

Mr Dawson will succeed Mr Paul Cockrem, our Foundation Principal, who retired in December 2020 and moved to take up a position at the Anglican Schools' Corporation Group Office as New School Development Consultant. Mr Cockrem led the School with great tenacity and clear Christian faith for 24 years, and has left RJ in a very strong position. Mr Dawson is well-placed to assume the role of Principal – having acted in the role since the retirement of Mr Cockrem.

Mr Dawson is a confident and competent educational leader. He has held senior positions over a career in education of some 30 years, including as Deputy Principal, Richard Johnson Anglican School; Director of Secondary, Bishop Tyrell Anglican College; Head of Music, St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, and; Director of Preparatory Music, Knox Grammar School – as well as several other appointments in faith-based and state schools.

Mr Dawson desires to see Richard Johnson Anglican School continuing to provide a learning environment that helps students to develop a real sense of belonging, serving and succeeding. He is passionate about leadership, innovation and learning and desires to help shape the dreams of our next generation of leaders. To this end, he is committed to developing RJ students as confident, agile, reflective and engaged 21st Century learners who are work-ready and life-ready, while remaining committed to prioritising student well-being and professional learning for educators that support the building of capacity in school leaders.

Mr Dawson knows Richard Johnson Anglican School to be a Christian faith-based, non-selective co-educational school with a clear vision to provide quality, affordable education. The fact that the School is grounded in the Christian faith, and that the School is so clearly guided by the gospel, is at the heart of Mr Dawson's desire to serve the School as its Principal.

Mr Dawson and his family have been regular and involved members of local evangelical churches. Please join with us in congratulating Mr Dawson on his appointment as Principal of Richard Johnson Anglican School. We look forward to this exciting new step in the School's development.

Yours sincerely



Mr Philip Bell OAM
Corporation Chairman



Rev David Mears
Chair, School Council