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## To Staff, Parents, Students and Friends of St Brigid's College, Lesmurdie

Dear Friends and members of St Brigid's community

On behalf of Mercy Ministry Companions and the Board of Directors of Mercy Education Limited, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs Veronica Parker** as the next Principal of St Brigid's College Lesmurdie, commencing 11 July 2022. Veronica is Vice Principal at Ursula Frayne Catholic College Victoria Park and her current role has responsibilities across both primary and secondary campuses for Kindergarten to Year 12.

Veronica's personal faith is evident in her commitment to her Parish, Our Lady Help of Christians East Victoria Park, where she has been actively involved as a Liturgist, Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Finance Committee Secretary and Counter. Veronica's commitment to the Gospel values of Justice, Compassion and Mercy are demonstrated in her life, both personally and in Catholic education through a contemporary expression of faith and practice.

After completing her initial degree of Bachelor of Arts (Primary Education / Music) at Curtin University of Technology and a Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal Studies / Religious Education) at the University of Notre Dame, Veronica continued her study by completing a Master of Education in Leadership and Management and a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, also through the University of Notre Dame.

Veronica's teaching experience over 30 years is extensive, teaching and leading in both remote and city schools and complements a diverse range of leadership roles held, including: Assistant Head of Primary; Religious Education Co-ordinator; Campus Minister; and Vice Principal. Veronica has held her current role for the past eight years. She was also a sessional lecturer at the University of Notre Dame Broome Campus for eleven years in addition to supporting Catholic Education Western Australia as a Religious Education Consultant in the Broome Diocese for six months.

Veronica believes that the role of Catholic leader is to be *"... courageous, tenacious and have an unrelenting focus on high levels of learning for all students, in an environment centred in Christ. With an aspiration for every student to succeed, both in learning and in life,"* Veronica describes herself as *"a leader who is committed to the provision of excellence for students. The provision of programmes and activities that engage students with like-minded interests, skills and talents, set passions alive and enables individuals to flourish."*

Veronica believes she is privileged to have been appointed Principal of St Brigid's College Lesmurdie and is looking forward to recognising *"... each student, parent and staff member as key stakeholders in the educational endeavour"* noting that, *"A Mercy school is an extension of family and I embrace the diversity that this affords."*

Veronica is keen to lead St Brigid's as a *"... community that honours its past yet journeys forward unified in its aspirations for every graduate."*

I trust that you will give Veronica your wholehearted support and will warmly congratulate and welcome her as she begins her new role as Principal of St Brigid's College Lesmurdie.

Yours sincerely



**Sylvia Williams RSM**

Board Chair

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