



Principal

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Dear Staff Colleagues, Parents/Carers and Students

NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

I write to inform you of my intention to retire after a forty-seven-year career in Catholic education. As such, I will conclude my time as Principal of Ursula Frayne Catholic College at the end of this year.

Since commencing in the role in 2013, I have greatly valued being a member of our amazing College community and working with our wonderful students, supportive families and an extremely dedicated, professional, and hardworking staff in the provision of a quality Catholic education.

It is always difficult to make such a big decision, especially when I enjoy my involvement in Catholic education so much, but I feel that the time is right for me to step aside. This will afford the opportunity for me to follow other paths and for the College to embrace the next stage in its development.

I arrived at this decision during the Christmas holidays. However, please be assured that my decision has not been prompted by either poor health, loss of interest in the job or the unexpected passing of my mother. The role of Principal, with all its joys and occasional challenges, is one that I still relish but understand that I cannot continue in this space forever.

The reason that I deferred sharing my intentions with our community until now was that I needed, as a professional courtesy, to inform Dr Debra Sayce, the Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA), who has only recently returned from an extended period of leave.

In coming weeks CEWA will commence a comprehensive process to appoint a new Principal. Details of this process will be provided to the Frayne community in the near future.

I consider myself an extremely fortunate individual to have had the opportunity to spend a significant portion of my career – 18 years in total – working in and serving the Frayne community. You all continue to inspire me, and it is a great privilege to lead our wonderful College.

With regards and prayerful best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Mills