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Dear St Columba's Parents

Principal Message

Hope you are travelling well, looking after yourself and enjoying life here at St Columba's School. Long Service Leave has been wonderful to me and I have thoroughly loved this period of renewal that comes with a time of reflection.

Earlier this week, you would have been notified of my decision to resign from the position of Principal of St Columba's School, Bayswater, effective at 31 December 2022. The St Columba's School community was always going to be the last stint in my career as a Principal, whether it be for three years or twelve years. It has been a joy and privilege being a Principal in Catholic Education Western Australia over the past nineteen years, my last five here with you at St Columba's School. While the decision to leave Principalship at St Columba's School is not an easy one, it is the right one.

Throughout my time as Principal at St Columba's School, I have made many connections with staff, students and families, for which I am sincerely grateful. The sense of community and care for others is the cornerstone of the St Columba's family, something that is created by all who walk through our school gates. I look forward to celebrating this sense of family during the second half of the year. It is with excitement and enthusiasm I return for my final six months in leading our community. Our commitment to students and each other will always remain our focus. As you may remember, I have had as one of my pillars in life a Maori saying, 'What is the most important thing in the world?' The response is, 'He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata'. **'It is the people, the people, the people.'**

I look forward to being able to thank you, our St Columba's people, and Catholic Education WA, for the support and kindness I have always received during my time as a leader in our schools and system. There is much I have to be grateful for.

Over the coming weeks, there will be a process implemented by Catholic Education Western Australia to appoint a Principal for 2023 onwards. This is an exciting time for our school community. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Sandro Coniglio for caring for you all during my time of leave. May Sandro receive many blessings as he moves to his new role of Principal at Emmaus School.

May you enjoy the last couple of weeks of school and the holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone when we return in Term 3.

In gratitude

Art Lombardi
Principal