

Media Release

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**ACPPA announces new national President – Peter Cutrona (WA)**

Peter Cutrona was elected President by the ACPPA Board in November 2021 replacing Brad Gaynor who was President for the last 4 years. Brad has now moved into a role as Performance Improvement Leader with Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn.

We are delighted that such an experienced educator, such as Peter, can continue the great work and initiatives of ACPPA with a keen sense of purpose and mission for our Principals across Australia.

***Peter has been an educator for the past 30 years, the last 19 of those as a principal in both regional and city-based schools in Western Australia.***

***He has served the past 6 years on the Catholic Primary Principal Association of WA in many roles and has been the representative to ACPPA and APPA for WA since 2017. He has also served as the Vice President of ACPPA since 2018 and the treasurer since 2019. He has also served as an APPA board member since 2020.***

***He has a strong interest in special needs education and has the firm belief that all students must be provided with opportunities that both challenge and support their learning, regardless of their starting point or the location of where the learning occurs. He is currently the Principal of St Simon Peter Catholic Primary, Ocean Reef, WA, which has a high proportion of students with disability and a large Early Learning Centre.***

***Outside of education he is currently involved at a board level in other Catholic organisations and passionately supports WA Cricket and the West Coast Eagles.***

***Creating networks for Catholic primary principals is something that he believes is an important role of ACPPA, as is, leveraging the collective strength of each member of our organisation to support each other. The principal well-being space is a key area in ensuring that we both maintain and grow our current and future leaders with the right mindset for themselves and those who are to follow.***

***His belief that we are all important parts of something much larger and that we all play our part in this, is echoed in the words of Mother Teresa, 'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.'***

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association (ACPPA) represents over 1200 Catholic Primary School Principals across Australia

As President, Peter is the spokesperson for ACPPA and for all media enquiries.

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