



NEW PRINCIPAL IN THE DIOCESE

There is a new secondary principal in the Diocese of Ballarat. Mercy Regional College Camperdown & Noorat recently welcomed their new Principal, Ms Sharon Gillett.

Sharon began her appointment at the beginning of term three, moving to Mercy Regional College from Sacred Heart College in Geelong where she has spent the past twenty-nine years. Sharon is excited by the change and the new prospects that it will bring for her.

Sharon went to Sacred Heart College as a graduate in 1990 where she taught health, physical education, maths and science and more recently religious education. "I spent many years in the leadership group there. I was involved in the sport department coordination, and I've been a year level coordinator and leading teacher. Since 2011 I have been in a deputy principal role in a number of different areas including the middle school, staff and student well-being."



"Coming to Camperdown has been an absolute tree change. I thought it rained here every day but the sun is shining and it's raining in Geelong. The warmest thing though has been the community. My husband David and I have never felt more welcome. The school definitely lives up to its values of community and inclusiveness."

It is a drastic change to Sharon's work environment as well. Sacred Heart College is an all-girls school which has a student population of 1500 while Mercy Regional College is co-educational and has 460 students. Sharon is excited by the opportunities a smaller school provides. "One of the school's best features is its connection with the community and the parish. Coming from a bigger town in Geelong, this tie was hard to achieve. Here the school and the community work go hand-in-hand and I look forward to taking that into the future."

Sharon and her husband David Horan are loving settling in and hope they'll be in the area for a long time with Sharon working on many plans for her new role. "At the moment I'm just trying to get my head into how the school works and immersing myself into the culture," Sharon said.

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