

Diocesan e-News

NEW PRINCIPAL AT LORETO

The end of Term 2, 2020 will herald the end of Judith Potter's term as the Principal of Loreto College Ballarat, forty-two remarkable years in education and the start of a well-earned retirement. The College Board has announced the appointment of Michelle Brodrick as the incoming Principal of Loreto College Ballarat. Michelle will commence formal duties at the commencement of Term 3, 2020.

Luke Dunne, on behalf of the Board of Loreto Ballarat, and with the approval of Loreto Ministries Limited and Province Leader Sr Wendy Hildebrand, announced the appointment of Michelle recently.

Currently, Michelle is the Deputy Principal (Learning and Identity) at St Joseph's College, Geelong, and prior to this held senior leadership roles at Clonard College (an all girls Catholic College in Geelong). Michelle is in her eleventh year of senior leadership at the executive level, including periods as Acting Principal.

Michelle is a contemporary, nurturing and collaborative educational leader, with a strong background in teaching, learning and wellbeing, as well as outstanding strategic leadership skills. She is a highly experienced educator, who grew up in St Arnaud before moving to Ballarat to further her education. After a period teaching in Japan, Michelle has lived in Torquay for the last twenty years with her husband Richard, and children Olivia and Jack, and has experienced single sex Catholic secondary schools as a student, teacher, leader and parent.

Michelle holds Masters degrees in both Education and Business Administration, along with a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Education, with the latter two gained during her studies in Ballarat.

Michelle says "I am very excited and honoured to be appointed Principal of such a vibrant College. I have always held fond memories of Loreto as I taught my first class (Year 9 English) as a student teacher there many years ago. I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and families, and to reconnect with the Ballarat community."

The Board looks forward to Michelle joining Loreto College Ballarat as the new Principal, continuing the tradition of outstanding women to have held the role, building on the work and legacy of Judith Potter, and those before her.

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