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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to announce Mr David Johnston has been appointed to the position of Principal at Christian Brothers College, Adelaide, effective from January 2023. In doing so, I acknowledge the committed and thorough discernment of the panel comprising educational leaders from Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) and Catholic Education South Australia (CESA), and also representation from the CBC Adelaide School Advisory Council.

David is an outstanding leader in Catholic education and comes highly recommended for this important position. He is currently the Deputy Principal at St Joseph's Nudgee College in Brisbane, an EREA day and boarding school for over 1,700 boys. David has served as Acting Principal several times during his time in this role. Prior to commencing as Deputy Principal in 2016, David has had a diverse portfolio of senior positions, including Dean of Learning and Teaching at St Joseph's Nudgee College, Head of Teaching and Learning at Redeemer Lutheran College, Standards and Assessment Officer at Queensland Studies Authority, Lecturer at Central Queensland University, and Director of Sport and Head of Health and Physical Education at The Rockhampton Grammar School.

David's academic qualifications include a Master of Education (Learning/Change Management) from Central Queensland University, a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education from Australian Catholic University and a Bachelor of Education from University of Canberra. David has a long tradition of active involvement in parish life, most recently at St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley, and currently as part of the Nudgee College Boarding community.

In reflecting on his appointment, David writes:

*"Christian Brothers College, Adelaide, has a long and proud history of providing quality Catholic education in the tradition of Edmund Rice. I am delighted and humbled to accept the opportunity to join CBC and work in partnership with all members of a committed and collaborative community. I acknowledge the leadership of Daniel Lynch and thank Daniel for his support. My family and I are looking forward to being actively involved in the life of the College. It will be a privilege to continue to build upon CBC's outstanding reputation and continue to produce young men who will serve and shape their communities."*

On behalf of all members of the Edmund Rice Education Australia community, I congratulate David on this significant appointment. We look forward to welcoming David, his wife Deanne, and son Cooper to the CBC Adelaide community.

Yours sincerely

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