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Dear EREA Community,

EREA Colleges (EREAC) is delighted to today announce the appointment of Mr Damien Fall as the new Principal of St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace commencing from January 2026. Damien is well known to the EREA community, serving in our schools for nearly 30 years, including his current role as Deputy Principal of the College since 2020.

Damien is a highly regarded member of the EREA community and an accomplished educational leader, with leadership experience gained in four Catholic schools, including three EREA schools, across almost 30 years of service. Damien has significant experience leading young men, families and staff in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice and this provides him with the breadth of experience and skills necessary to humbly but confidently serve the College community as its leader from 2026.

Throughout his career, Damien has demonstrated a deep commitment to his faith and the principles of Catholic education, spiritual development and ethical leadership. Importantly, Damien leads with presence, compassion and liberation and with a lived commitment to his Catholic faith and the EREA touchstones.

Damien's academic credentials include a Master of Educational Leadership, a Bachelor of Applied Science and Graduate Diploma in Education. He is a recent graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors course. As an educator, he commenced as teacher in the areas of science and mathematics, and his pastoral leadership is highly valued by staff, students and families.

Significantly, Damien brings leadership experience across several critical functions within the College which will be an important foundation as he transitions into the Principal role. Apart from being Deputy Principal and having acted for periods as Principal, Damien has also served the College at various times as the Dean of Business Operations, Dean of Communications, Dean of Students and Dean of Waterford Place. Additionally, Damien brings experience working at EREA schools St James College and St Brendan's College, and significant governance experience gained as a Board Director at Padua College.

In applying for the role Damien shared the following reflection:

"I believe in the difference a Catholic education can make in the lives of our students and subsequently, the world they live in and go on to serve. I strive to make the Ricean charism and its Touchstones a daily reality and a means to connect our students and the wider community to the Gospel story of Jesus... My years at the College have taught me that parents seek a Terrace education that provides a practical balance of opportunities including spiritual nourishment, exceptional pastoral care, personal formation, high expectations, excellence in teaching and learning and broad co-curricular offerings."



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The process for Damien's appointment has been supported by an extensive candidate search, community consultation and engagement process, and discernment from EREAC and a selection panel. We acknowledge the support of the community in assisting EREAC to come to this important and shared decision. The selection process attracted applications from highly credentialled candidates from Queensland, interstate and internationally, and Damien's appointment reflects very positively on the extensive development and guidance he has received under previous St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace Principals including Peter Chapman and Michael Carroll.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the selection panel for its support of this process, which comprised Peter Fullagar, EREAC Director of Education Strategy and Performance (QLD/ACT), Amelia Robinson, Chair of the College Advisory Council, Anthony Joseph, Chair of the College Foundation, Mark Christensen, Chair of the College Old Boys Association, Libby Baynton and Susan Frisby, parent and community representatives, and Mr Chris Mayes, former Principal of St Patrick's College.

Finally, we again recognise and show appreciation for the outstanding and inspirational leadership of Dr Michael Carroll over the past 11 years as Principal of the College. We will join with the College in recognising Dr Carroll's service and contributions at the appropriate time towards the conclusion of the 2025 school year.

Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever.

Yours in Faith

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**Chris Woolley**  
**CEO EREA Colleges Ltd**