

24 March 2009

Dear parents, students, teachers and members of the school community,

I am writing to you with important news: our Principal, Mrs Barbara Stone, has informed the School Council that she will be retiring in early 2011. The School Council has already taken the first steps in the process to recruit another outstanding leader to continue the MLC tradition of excellence.

By the time of her retirement, Mrs Stone will have served MLC School with passion and vision for more than twenty years. Her exemplary leadership has encouraged and supported the development of a distinctive educational strategy underpinned by values of wholeness, integrity, international citizenship, connectedness, excellence and diversity. For MLC girls, this means that they engage in a dynamic curriculum of academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting activities and typically graduate as grounded, independent, confident and well-rounded young women. We are immensely grateful to Mrs Stone for fostering the outstanding achievements of MLC students, and look forward to opportunities to express this appreciation over the coming two years.

The Council is dedicated to recruiting a leader who can build on our very robust educational strategy and who will ensure that MLC continues to provide a vibrant learning community in which each girl is nurtured and encouraged to realise her potential. The Council has established a Principal Selection Committee and will inform the School community of key steps in the recruitment process. To this end, a copy of this letter will be circulated widely to schools throughout Australasia to alert potential candidates. Then in the second half of 2009, the position will be formally advertised.

Mrs Stone is committed to continue leading the school with vigour and enthusiasm until her departure in 2011. The Council is grateful to her for providing ample notice of her retirement to allow for a thorough recruitment process and an orderly handover to her successor.

Yours sincerely,



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