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Dear Parents, Members and Friends of Loreto College Ballarat

On behalf of the Board of Loreto Ballarat, and with the approval of Loreto Ministries Limited and Province Leader Sr Wendy Hildebrand, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Michelle Brodrick to the position of Principal of Loreto College Ballarat.

Mrs Brodrick will commence formal duties at the commencement of Term 3, 2020.

Currently, Mrs Brodrick 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.

Michelle 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."

We thank the community of St Joseph's College, and in particular its Principal Mr Tony Paatsch, for supporting Michelle to join Loreto College in the middle of what is, for all schools, an extremely challenging year.

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.

I am sure you will join with the Board in welcoming Mrs Michelle Brodrick as Principal of the College.

Yours sincerely



Mr Luke Dunne  
Board Chair