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Dear Parents, Members and Friends of Loreto College Ballarat

I am writing to share significant news for the College community.

Earlier this year, our Principal, Ms Judith Potter, informed the College Board of her decision to retire from her position at the end of the **2020** school year.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Judith's tremendous contribution to the College and wish her well in the future.

I thank Judith for her faith, joy, generosity, endeavour, vision, resolve, and unfailing devotion to the staff, students and parents of the College community.

One of Judith's early tasks was to consolidate the College from two campuses to one, and she will leave the College as we look to expand to a second, larger site in the near future. Judith has been resolute in the drive for this.

There have been many significant milestone achievements during Judith's time as Principal.

Major building projects stand as physical reminders of Judith's strategic leadership: the refurbishment of the Canteen, Food Technology, Art and Administration Facilities; heating of the Chapel; upgrade of the school oval; planning and construction of the Mary's Mount Performing Arts Centre; opening of the Province Archives Centre; completion of the Mulhall Centre; and upgrades to the Gonzaga Barry Centre.

There is a much larger volume of less visible accomplishments, including adding an additional stream of students; developing risk management frameworks; adapting to ever-increasing compliance and reporting requirements; and implementing the Felicitous Life Program. Rowing was also introduced during Judith's term, developing into a popular, sustainable and successful extra-curricular activity.

During her time at Loreto College Ballarat, Judith has also served on multiple boards, councils, committees, working groups and panels, representing the College proudly and with distinction.

In 2016, Judith was recognised with a State Fellowship Award from the Australian Council of Educational Leaders for outstanding contribution to the improvement of student and organisational outcomes over a sustained period.

On a daily basis for the last fourteen years, and through rapid and significant changes to the educational landscape, Judith has been selfless in her service, and has faithfully lived out the Loreto values of freedom, justice, sincerity, felicity and verity.

Perhaps the greatest testament to Judith's impact as Principal is the exemplary qualities of every single Loreto woman who has passed through these walls in her time. Every one of them has, in some way, been touched and influenced by Judith's educational vision and service.

The Board, together with Loreto Ministries and the Loreto Sisters, have commenced the process of searching for the person who will lead our beautiful College through the next exciting phase of its future.

We look forward to further recognition and celebration of Judith's contribution and achievements. Please join us in wishing Judith every blessing for the future.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Luke Dunne', written in a cursive style.

Luke Dunne
Acting Board Chair