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CLAYFIELD COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the Clayfield College Community

It is with considerable regret that we write to inform you that Ms Melissa Powell, Principal of Clayfield College, has tendered her resignation, effective 17 January 2016. Melissa has accepted appointment as Principal of Seymour College (formerly Presbyterian Girls' College) in Adelaide, one of Australia's leading day and boarding schools for girls.

In her time as Principal, Melissa has undoubtedly set Clayfield College firmly on the path to further expansion. She has brought a new energy to the College and has begun the necessary transformation process to ensure the future success of the College. Melissa has developed a dynamic teaching and learning community, committed to continuous improvement. The Council remains committed to this course.

Melissa has shown exemplary leadership and vision in creating a climate of professionalism, characterised by a solutions-oriented and outcomes-focused approach to her work. She has worked relentlessly to improve student academic achievement by focusing on the quality of instruction through defining and promoting high expectations for staff and students.

Melissa has worked enthusiastically and tirelessly to increase enrolments and enhance the reputation of the College, as well as introducing new marketing initiatives. She has devoted herself to upgrading and extending the College's facilities, including the development of a new visionary Master Building Plan. She has overseen the build and fit-out of the wonderful new Nancy Ashburn Learning Resource Centre, complete with state-of-the-art technology. The extensive refurbishment and extension of the Years 6-8 building is on track for completion in January 2016. Planning is also well underway for several more projects that will be built during the coming year, including a new two-storey staff administration block and an additional three-storey classroom block.

The PMSA and the Council sincerely appreciate the energy, professionalism and absolute dedication with which Melissa has pursued her vision for the College and assisted the Council in its strategic planning. Her inspirational leadership and commitment to the future direction of the College will be remembered as the hallmark of her time as Principal. We are grateful for the significant contribution she has made to our community and wish her every success and happiness as she moves into the next stage of her career and personal life.

The PMSA and the Council recognise the utmost importance and responsibility of appointing a new Principal. A professional recruitment group will assist in identifying, attracting and appointing the best possible candidate as our next Principal. We shall keep the community informed of progress in this regard. The goals and plans established for the future of Clayfield College will continue as we prepare for the transition of leadership in 2016.

I am sure that you will all join with the PMSA and the Clayfield College Council in thanking Melissa for her exceptional leadership of the College and wishing her all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

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