

3 April 2019

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College Council appoints Mr John Weeks as permanent Head of College effective from 1 July 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and the College community,

It is with great delight that on behalf of the College Council, I welcome Mr John Weeks who has been officially appointed to the permanent role as the new Head of College for Scots All Saints effective 1 July 2019.

The College Council unanimously agreed, Mr Weeks is the natural choice for the new Head of Scots All Saints College. He has been a valuable contributor to The Scots School and All Saints' College integration process for the past 18 months.

Mr Weeks has taken the lead on many educational decisions within the new College including staffing, school leadership structures, the translocation of staff and students between the two main campuses and has recently reviewed all aspects of boarding.

As one of Australia's most experienced and successful school leaders, Mr John Weeks brings a wealth of leadership experience growing academic excellence and building strong communities within schools.

Previously, Mr Weeks led three schools as the Founding Head of Hunter Grammar School in Maitland, Head of Illawarra Grammar in Wollongong before spending the past 15 years at Knox Grammar in Sydney.

Following his time at Knox, John and his wife, Denise founded "Weeks Education Consultancy" and they have been working on projects for the Association of Independent Schools, developing a number of schools in Australia and overseas and, working with our academic leadership team here at Scots All Saints College for the past 18 months.

The College Council agreed given his detailed understanding of the school's development to this time, his vision for the future and his extensive experience in school leadership, Mr Weeks was well-placed to implement the next stage of development focused on academic excellence, student wellbeing, boarding, international education and enhanced opportunities for students through exciting co-curricular activities.

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Mr Weeks will continue in his consultancy role throughout Term 2 in preparation for the start of Term 3 when he will effectively take up his position as Head of College as at 1 July 2019. As announced in November 2018, current Headmaster, Mr David Gates will continue in his role until the end of Term 2.

John's wife, Denise has been working with our past students' groups to preserve and protect the archive collections of both schools in a professional manner. During this time, both John and Denise have gained tremendous understanding of our strong foundations and new College environment.

This appointment will further enhance the outstanding opportunities at Scots All Saints College to develop our students as high potential learners of the future.

I'm sure you will join me in formally welcoming John and Denise to our college community as they relocate to make their home in Bathurst.

At this time, together with the College Council, staff, parents and students, we would like to thank Mr David Gates for his leadership of The Scots School over the past eight years; and his commitment to the creation of our new College as the first Headmaster as we plan his farewell towards the end of Term 2.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Thompson', written in a cursive style.

Mr Hamish Thompson
Chairman - College Council