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MBC and MBBC Amalgamation

Twin schools, stronger together through a shared vision, mutual resources and an absolute commitment to single sex education

October 7, 2011

HEADS OF COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,



I am pleased to announce, following a rigorous interview process involving a very strong field of candidates, **Mr Tony Wood** has been appointed **Head of Moreton Bay Boys' College**.

Mr Wood was chosen following an exhaustive search both locally, nationally and overseas by respected executive recruitment agency, Fish and Nankivell.

Mr Wood is currently the Principal of Fraser Coast Anglican College, a P-12 co-educational day school in Hervey Bay, a position he has held for seven years.

Mr Wood brings an abundance of educational experience to this position, with qualifications that include a Bachelor of Education with a double major in Physical Education and Geography from the University of Sydney and a Master of Education-Administration from the University of New South Wales. Mr Wood is also currently working towards a Graduate Certificate in Theology at the Charles Sturt University.

With more than 20 years' experience in boys' schools, Mr Wood is an advocate of single-sex education and

believes curriculum for boys requires a specifically tailored approach.

Over the past few years, Mr Wood has also overseen the successful completion of several major capital works projects including a new Technology Precinct, the construction of a Library Resource Centre and a specialised Languages Centre.

Mr Wood holds the belief that happy and secure students perform better academically and will be working to instil this philosophy in his new role at MBBC.

We are privileged to have such an experienced educator and administrator join our College and I hope that all parents join me in welcoming Mr Wood to our community. He will commence at Moreton Bay Boys' College in the newly created Head of College position on January 1, 2012.

I am also very pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr Deborah Priest** to the **Head of Moreton Bay College** role. Dr Priest joins us from Somerville House where she has been Head of Senior School for the past four years. She will thus commence on January 1, 2012.

From 2002 to 2007 Dr Priest held a leadership role at Bond University on the Gold Coast as the Head of Education and Assistant Professor in Education Studies. Prior to this she was employed at Somerset College in Mudgeeraba for seven years, during which time she held a range of positions including Head of Mathematics, Academic Counsellor and Year 12 Coordinator.

Dr Priest brings an abundance of educational experience to this position, with qualifications that include a Bachelor of Science Education from the University of Melbourne, a Masters of Education majoring in Leadership and Management, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), both from the Queensland University of Technology.



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She has previously worked in schools with a similar Christian ethos to Moreton Bay College and is very familiar with the teachings of the Uniting Church.

Her key educational philosophy is that a balance of a healthy mind, a healthy body, challenges and consistent effort, allow students and indeed adults to be the best they can be and achieve excellence in their endeavours.

The Boards of MBC and MBBC strongly endorse these appointments. Mr Geoff Diehm, wished me to include the following on behalf of the common Board:

In April a new vision of "Stronger Together" for our two Colleges was announced. At the core of the Board's plan to achieve this vision is a leadership structure that allows an effective partnership but also a strong direction for each of the Colleges as providers of single sex education.

The appointment of the Heads of College, to work with the common Board and the Principal, Ms Haynes, is a critical as well as historical development. The Board is delighted in these circumstances with the appointment of Dr Deborah Priest as Head of College at MBC and Mr Anthony Wood as Head of College at MBBC. Their respective depth of experience and training makes them ideal people for the positions. The Board congratulates each of them on their appointment.

We thank Ms Haynes for her leadership in the selection process. We also wish to acknowledge and thank Mrs Diana Patchett and Mrs Jan Howatson and the staff supporting them for their ongoing work in the acting roles to date and for the rest of the year.

I thank Mr Diehm and the members of the Boards for their support in this process.

The decision to appoint both Mr Wood and Dr Priest as the Heads of MBBC and MBC was agreed to unanimously by the selection panel and I do not doubt they will perform exceptionally well in these roles.

I am looking forward very much to working with both Heads of College as they bring invaluable experience and strategic drive and high level communicative ability with them.

In the months leading up to their commencement we will meet regularly to equip both to take up the reins as seamlessly as possible and to work with me and the common Board to progress our vision for the two Colleges.

In the meantime, our current Acting Heads of College Mrs Diana Patchett (MBBC) and Mrs Jan Howatson (MBC), and teachers in backfill positions will remain in these roles until the permanent Heads of College commence next year and a formal handover can take place.

I also warmly thank them and Mr Tony Dosen, Ms Naomi Williams, Mr Sean Smith, Mr Warren Richards and Mrs Gay Barnett for taking on higher responsibilities as we work through the various stages of amalgamating the two schools.

More detailed information about the new Heads of College will be featured in next week's amalgamation newsletter.

If you have any queries regarding this announcement, please email feedback@mbbc.qld.edu.au and we will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible.

Kind regards,

Ms Jennifer Haynes

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