

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools announces retirement**

Dr Dan White, Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) has today announced his intention to retire from the role as of Easter 2019.

After ten years of loyal and dedicated service, Dr White intends to focus his time and energy on other pursuits that allow him flexibility and more time with family. He has given tireless leadership to the Archdiocese of Sydney and the broader Catholic education community across Australia.

Since his appointment in 2009, Dr White has overseen the growth of SCS into a system boasting 152 schools and over 70,000 students. His focus has always been on Catholic mission and identity as well as improving quality teaching and learning for students enrolled in SCS. His advocacy for all regardless of background or ability, is testimony to his commitment in making a difference for students across the Archdiocese.

Dr White's connection with classroom teachers and passion for leadership, are hallmarks of his time as Executive Director and he has always remained a hands-on leader ensuring that he walked alongside his people.

Prior to his appointment, Dr White was the Director of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Hobart for six years. He has also served in senior leadership roles as an Area Administrator in the Diocese of Parramatta and as School Consultant in the Diocese of Bathurst. His teaching experience embraced a number of Catholic primary schools in Western Sydney where he was a primary principal for nine years.

Dr White has written extensively in the areas of scriptural scholarship and collaborative leadership. Dr White is the co-author of six educational resource books focusing particularly on higher order learning and thinking strategies.

Dr White is a fellow of both the Australian College of Education and the Australian Council of Educational Leaders. His other responsibilities have included serving on the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) for six years and the NSW Board of Studies for four years. Dr White has represented Sydney on the NSW Catholic Education Commission and is a member of the SCS Trust Board.

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Dr White's legacy will be manyfold and includes fighting for fairer funding for Catholic schools, and overseeing programs aimed at supporting students through the Newman Selective Gifted Program and the Eileen O'Connor College for students with special needs.

In his announcement to the community, Archbishop Anthony Fisher stated that "To all these tasks, Dr White has brought intelligence and experience, dedication and Christian fidelity. He has been an enormous help to successive Archbishops in directing one of the Church's principal apostolates and in advising on broader issues for the Church".

A rigorous recruitment process will commence immediately to ensure a quality replacement can be found.

There will be opportunities to formally farewell Dr White before he retires from the role. At this time we say thank you to him for his commitment and servant leadership that has allowed SCS to flourish under his guidance and diligent stewardship.

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