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Announcement of new Principal from Board Chair

On behalf of the School Board, I am excited and proud to announce the appointment of Ms Teresa Deshon as Principal of Moama Anglican Grammar, effective from January 2017.

We undertook an extensive search both intra and interstate to find the best person to lead our School and to deliver the education of the future for our students. We are delighted that the culmination of such an extensive search resulted in the overwhelming conclusion that Ms Deshon is the right person to lead our School.

Teresa is currently the Deputy Principal at Kilvington Grammar School and has been for the past seven years. Please see attached Media Statement for a more detailed profile.

Moama Anglican Grammar has become a leading school in our region. We are confident that the appointment of Ms Deshon, with her leadership, strategic and educational skills will provide the opportunity to build upon the existing energy and talent at our school.

I warmly welcome Ms Teresa Deshon and look forward to introducing her and her family to the Moama Anglican Grammar community in 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Craig Smith

Chairman of the Board

MEDIA STATEMENT



Teresa is the Deputy Principal at Kilvington Grammar School where she also teaches classes IT and Mathematics. She joined Kilvington Grammar School in 2010 after spending 10 years at Goulburn Valley Grammar School in Shepparton, where she had a number of leadership roles including Director of Information Systems, Acting Director of Academic Programs, Head of House and Head of the IT Department. In her current role, some of the many areas she leads is whole school curriculum and assessment and reporting, strategic ICT, co-curricular programs and innovative/flagship programs including 3D Printing, Wearable IT, NAO Robotics, Gifted Talented Programs and Visible Thinking Skills.

Teresa has a Bachelor of Education with a double major in Computing and Mathematics, a Graduate Diploma in Computer Education and a Master of Education with her thesis focused on benchmarking data in education. Teresa has also studied in the area of women in educational leadership.

Teresa is experienced in the development and implementation of 1:1 BYOD programs and Continuous Online Reporting. Teresa's work at Kilvington in this area was recognised by her placing as a finalist in this year's #TechDiversity Awards education category. Teresa is also skilled in data analysis, LEAN business practises, change management and continuous improvement. She specialises in delivering Professional Development programs and courses for schools and her expertise in technology, curriculum and pastoral care has seen her work with Education Nation, DLTV, Future Schools, TTA, Girl Geek Academy, Harvard University's Project Zero, and RULER program by Yale University.

In 2008, Teresa was the winner of an Australian Council of Educational Leaders Inquiry and Action Research Award, on the topic of Women in Leadership. Teresa was also then accepted as a member (MACEL). A regular writer and contributor to academic journals and presenter at conferences, Teresa takes pride in contributing to the educational landscape and role modelling for women in leadership and IT.

Her strong interest in pastoral care and mentoring/coaching has seen her develop programs that nurture aspirations with a focus on capacity building of staff, students and community. Teresa describes herself as a passionate and vibrant educator who believes in each and every student and staff member's abilities and potential. She is a colleague who encourages collaboration, consultation and support, a sporting coach who may not know all the rules but gives it a red hot go, an IT specialist who loves the latest gadgets and gismos.

Having spent most of her life living regionally Teresa always intended to return to the area. She has missed the fresh air, sunshine, sounds of creeks and rivers, and the connectedness with people.

With a busy family of four kids, two of which are at Kilvington Grammar School, Teresa and her partner Barry enjoy making a positive contribution to the world they live in. They like to be involved in their local community; know people by name, cheer on the local teams and pitch in to lend a hand when needed.

Teresa, Barry, Quinn, Reese, Luke and Ky are excited to move back home and are looking forward to being part of the Moama Anglican Grammar community.

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