



21st November 2019

Dear Parents and Students

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that I have accepted a new position at the Regional Office and will therefore not be returning to Elwood College.

At my age I most certainly was not 'seeking' a new adventure, but I guess it sort of found me. Initially I agreed to work in the Region in what was a new role (in the School Improvement Division) for a seven week period. For a number of reasons the timeframe was extended three or four times. After a great deal of consideration, when the role was finally offered as permanent, I accepted and will commence in the position immediately following my current Long Service Leave. This was not an easy decision for me to make.

I have cherished my time as Principal of Elwood College (since 2009) and Principal of Elwood Primary School (2002 – 2009). I have appreciated and enjoyed great support from my wonderful leadership team (specifically Todd Asensio and Nick England), a very dedicated Business Manager, Bridget Kosla-Brown, an exemplary staff (teachers, Admin and support) and have highly valued incredible School Council support (including outstanding leadership from school council presidents at Elwood College) and, in order from 2009, Keith Herdman, Susan Constable, Michael Mulcahy and Wendy Dunstan who have all worked tirelessly for the benefit of **our students**.

Above all, it has been a privilege to serve the Elwood College community and most importantly the Elwood College student body. It is undoubtedly the students who I will miss the most.

I look forward to watching Elwood College go from strength to strength. I will remain its greatest advocate.

Thank you sincerely for your trust, friendship and commitment to Elwood College. I will miss every aspect of the Elwood College principalship immensely. I cannot imagine a more fulfilling role. Over the coming weeks School Council President Wendy Dunstan will communicate the process of appointing a new principal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rhonda Holt'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Warm regards
Rhonda