



Stuartholme School Board is delighted to announce the appointment of the new Principal for Stuartholme School.

Following ratification of the appointee by the Society of the Sacred Heart ANZ Provincial, Sr Joan Pender rscJ, we are pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms Kristen Sharpe** as the new Principal of Stuartholme School to commence in January 2016.

Kristen is an experienced Principal coming from St Monica's College in Cairns. Kristen has held senior leadership roles in Curriculum, Student Wellbeing, Staff formation, Strategic Planning and various Middle Management positions. Kristen has successfully led her current Community through a significant period of comprehensive change, providing stability and support. In her six previous Schools she has been able to facilitate significant and sound educational improvements while building positive relationships with Staff, Students and Families. Her contemporary working knowledge, organisational ability coupled with a reflective nature has contributed significantly to the Catholic education community. Kristen is engaged in ongoing professional development for the best educational outcomes for the young women of Stuartholme.

The process for the selection of our new Principal was very extensive and we appreciated the input of so many of you to our initial community consultation. The Board was delighted with the level of interest shown in the position by a large number of highly qualified candidates, which is an indication of the standing of Stuartholme in the eyes of the Education Community.

At the conclusion of the selection process, the Selection Panel made their recommendation to the School Board who were then able to endorse Kristen Sharpe as our new Principal.

On your behalf, we thank the members of the Selection Panel for their professionalism, commitment and wisdom in the selection process and for their recommendation of such a committed and enthusiastic educator and leader for Stuartholme.

Finally, we congratulate Kristen on her appointment and assure her of our support as she takes up the challenges that are ahead in the coming years.

This will be Helen Sinclair's last year as Principal and I would like to acknowledge her enormous contribution over the past 11 years. We are preparing arrangements to suitably farewell Helen later in the year and I look forward to sharing these arrangements with you.

Yours sincerely,

Daryl Hanly
Chair – Stuartholme School Board of Directors.