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Dear St Kevin's College Community

By now you will be aware that Mr Brent Russell has resigned from his position as Principal of St Kevin's College to take up a position as Principal of Dunstan High School in Alexandra. Brent's resignation is effective from 31 January 2010.

Brent came to St Kevin's eight years ago, from Verdon College, Invercargill, where he had been Principal for a number of years. Brent had previously taught at St Kevin's in the 1980s.

Over the past eight years Brent has been a tireless leader and advocate for the College. The Board of Trustees thanks Brent for his service to St Kevin's and the professional way in which he has lead the College as Principal. We also thank Mrs Suzanne Russell for her significant contribution to St Kevin's College. While we are sad to see Brent and Suzanne leave the College we respect their decision to do so and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

The Board has already commenced the process for identifying and appointing a new Principal for the College as soon as practicable. It is likely however that the earliest a newly appointed principal could commence in the role would be the start of the third term in 2010. Selecting and appointing the right person to the role of Principal is an important undertaking and one that should not be unduly rushed. The Board is mindful of the importance of the task at hand and we ask for your patience and support as we determine a timetable and properly work through the process.

In the meantime and while the selection and appointment process is carried out, the Board has appointed Mr Jarlath Kelly in the temporary role of Acting Principal of the College and Mrs Karen Austin in the temporary role of Acting Deputy Principal. We wish them both well in these roles and they have the Board's full trust and confidence.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I take this opportunity to wish you God's blessing for a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully.

Danny Hailes
Chairman
Board of Trustees