



14 March 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with considerable regret that I inform you that our Headmaster, Mr Michael Parker, has indicated to the Board of Governors his intention to leave Oxley College at the end of the year after almost five years at the College. He will be taking up the appointment of Headmaster, Newington College in Sydney from the beginning of 2019.

Mr Parker came to Oxley College from Head of Senior School and Deputy Headmaster at Cranbrook School in Sydney in 2014. Over the period of his tenure, his outstanding and inspirational leadership has transformed Oxley College into one of the leading regional private schools. Towards the end of the year, there will be suitable opportunities to say farewell to Mr Parker and to wish him every success in his future role.

In the meantime, Mr Parker has assured the Board of Governors that his dedication and rigour to further the interests of our students at Oxley will not diminish. The Board of Governors will commence a process immediately to seek to appoint a suitable replacement for Mr Parker to continue the inspired and innovative growth of Oxley. You will be kept informed of our progress. It is important that there be a smooth transition to the change of leadership and Mr Parker has kindly agreed to provide his assistance as required.

I know that many of you will share the Board of Governors' disappointment at Mr Parker's leaving Oxley College. Viewed from the perspective of his teaching career, however, this is a significant advancement and a great achievement. Established in 1863, Newington College is one of the major Sydney private schools. Mr Parker will be taking over from the retirement of the existing Headmaster after an extensive worldwide search for his replacement. Mr Parker's appointment does reflect very favourably on Oxley College.

With kind regards,

Frank J. Conroy AM
Chairman,
Board of Governors