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Dear Member of Oxley College Community,

**APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF COLLEGE**

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Jenny Ethell, currently Principal of Perth College, has been appointed the new Head of College to replace Mr. Parker. Perth College is one of the leading girls' boarding schools in Western Australia.

Mrs. Ethell was educated at Curtin University in Perth where she graduated with a Bachelor of Business (Agric.) degree and a Diploma of Education. She has taught and occupied senior leadership positions at government, independent and Catholic schools in Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. Appointed in her 30's, Mrs Ethell has been Principal of Perth College since 2003. She was Dean of Students & Staff/Deputy Principal from 1998 to 2002 and in 2003, Acting Principal, at Methodist Ladies College in Perth.

Committed to life-long learning, Mrs. Ethell has studied at Harvard University, The University of Melbourne and the Institute of Company Directors. She has presented at and participated in a range of education conferences in Australia and overseas. Her longstanding experience and role as Principal has befitted the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia (AHISA) where she is Chair of AHISA's Western Australian branch and a Director of the National Board. She has also served on many other educational bodies over recent years.

The Governors believe Mrs. Ethell has all the attributes they were seeking throughout what has been an extensive and highly competitive search. Mrs. Ethell has had a very successful period at Perth College, which has prospered during her tenure.

Mrs Ethell has indicated to the Governors that she is looking forward to joining Oxley College and meeting with students, parents and staff. She believes it is an exciting opportunity to lead the College in supporting each student's aspirations and building on the College's reputation as a leader in the Southern Highlands. She is committed to building strong relationships within the community and continuing to provide opportunities for every student to excel.

Mrs. Ethell is married and her husband Dougall, an ordained Anglican Minister, was formerly Chaplain at Hale School in Perth. They have four independent daughters who work in their chosen careers across Australia and in Singapore.

She will commence her appointment at the beginning of 2019.

Yours truly,

**Frank J Conroy AM  
Chairman,  
Board of Governors**