



Wadestown School

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School Principal

Trustees wish to thank the school staff and those members of the parent community who provided feedback recently when given the opportunity to comment on the key qualities that make for a good educational leader as Principal of Wadestown School.

It is not possible to list all of the attributes seen as desirable in the Principal of our school as described in this feedback.

However the feedback was very consistent across staff and contributing parents, and this aligned closely with the Board's views as to these key attributes.

In no order of preference, the common themes were that the Principal desirably would be a strong people person with a real interest in children; a highly visible leader not desk-bound; who respects and values the community; has strong personal communication skills; is a current school leader with a passion for education in priority to administration; and who can unite and retain a strong teaching staff.

As previously reported Trustees were pleased to receive a strong compliment of applications and engaged an education sector specialist to assist with the recruitment process.

Following recent interviews, I am very pleased to advise that Trustees have resolved to appoint Sally Barrett to the role of Principal.

The Board is strongly of the view that Mrs Barrett can best lead the school forward in the coming years and contains all of the desired attributes sought as the Principal of our school. She has outlined a vision for the school which we are confident will enable the school to reach its potential and continue to deliver strong educational outcomes for our children. Many of you know Mrs Barrett well and will understand her long commitment to our school. She is highly enthusiastic about the challenge of this new position, can 'hit the ground running' and has our complete support.

The Board will be advertising the position of Deputy Principal tomorrow and shall be seeking to appoint someone with the assessed potential to be the future leader of the school.

Kind regards

Neil Paviour-Smith
Chairman, Board of Trustees