

A NEW PRINCIPAL FOR SAPPHIRE COAST ANGLICAN COLLEGE



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The Chairman of the Board of Sapphire Coast Anglican College has announced the appointment of Mr Colin May B.Ed., FACE as Principal of Sapphire Coast Anglican College from January 2017.

Colin commenced his career as a Primary teacher/Sportsmaster and Secondary Maths teacher at St Andrews Cathedral School in Sydney City, and then at Trinity Grammar. He became the first male Principal at Arden Anglican School at Beecroft. Over a period of 17 years he led the development of the school from a Primary School at Beecroft to a three campus Preschool to Year 12 school with campuses in Oxford Street Epping and a Senior Study Centre in the Cambridge Business Park, Epping. He retired from Arden in 2009 to take up consultancy positions in different schools.

He has been Principal of Al Sadiq College, an Islamic Arabic Bilingual College, Principal of Italian Bilingual School, Meadowbank, and most recently in a Jewish school, Kesser Torah College.

"I have always prioritised the welfare of the students and encouraged each student to fulfil their potential by fully immersing themselves in the rich life of the School", said Mr May. "My Christian leadership and encouragement of young men and women in faith has been a hallmark of my teaching."

In 2010 he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for contributions to Humanitarian and Educational Programmes within Rotary.

He has been a Sportsmaster, Outdoor Education Director, Director of Studies, coach and referee of many sports including basketball, rugby union, cricket and football. Colin was made a Life Member of the NSW Independent School Sport Association in 2011 for his services to Independent school sport. He has taught woodwork to students for many years and is a passionate woodworker in his spare time. He has run maths and problem solving workshops for students as part of extension programmes with students at all levels across a number of schools.

Mr May is an active member of the Anglican Church having held positions such as Sunday School Superintendent, conducted Vacation Bible Study programmes, lead Bible study groups and is an active lay preacher.

Colin is married to Kay who has taught with Colin in each of the schools he has taught in or led. As a parent of four and grandparent of seven he is conscious of the needs and

aspirations of parents. Kay has taught classes in Primary in a variety of schools including Arden, Trinity and more recently with Colin, at the Islamic College as teacher librarian, the Italian Bilingual School and at Kesser Torah College. Kay has also been an Associate and Supervisor for the past 22 years of education students from Boston University (USA) as they practice in the Sydney region.

"The College and community are blessed to have such a wise and Godly person as Mr May for our next Principal." Mr Oates said.