

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm extremely pleased to join the staff of YSDS as the Principal. I feel privileged to be appointed to this position and look forward to this new opportunity. I aim to gain a greater understanding of the context of the school and its operations and work with you to build a strong school community.

I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. I have 3 children aged 24, 20 and 18 who have been through various schools in countries. The relationship between home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education. One cannot overestimate the critical role parents/carers play in their child's learning. By working closely with you, we can make sure your child's social, emotional, and learning needs are best met.

My primary objective will be to ensure that every student is receiving high-quality instruction in every classroom in the school. In order to do this, I will work closely with the leadership team to build the capacity of staff to deliver quality instructional practices to prepare our students for successful post school years.

Over the past 24 years I have held a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles in Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. Since 2004, I worked at Warringa Park School undertaking various roles including classroom teacher, literacy coach, Leading Teacher, Assistant Principal and a Campus Principal. In June 2015, I joined Melton Specialist School as an Assistant Principal where my key role was to drive school improvement.

At YSDS, I will be working closely with our Acting Assistant Principal, Joan Cummings, to guarantee that all of our students are engaged in purposeful learning and have access to the social and emotional support so they can achieve the best possible learning outcomes.

For the footy fans, I am a Bomber supporter but like many of you have not got over the joy of watching the Bulldogs win the 2016 AFL Grand Final.

Please feel free to contact if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. I look forward to meeting you all as and when the opportunities arise.

Together we can achieve *Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day*.

Sincerely,

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