



THE RIVERS

SECONDARY COLLEGE

KADINA HIGH CAMPUS

The heart of secondary education for Lismore

14th November, 2023

Good morning Parents/Carers.

Over the coming days, I will be commencing paternity leave as my wife and I prepare to welcome our third child. This is a very exciting time for us and I am grateful for the ability to take time for my family, knowing that the school will be in safe hands under the relieving principal; Ms Tracy McGrath and Deputy Principals; Mrs Stacy Clark and Ms Penny Graham.

In addition to this, I wish to share with you all that I have accepted the offer of the Principal position at Maclean High School, effective from Day 1, Term 1 2024 (subject to the appeal period). Leaving The Rivers Secondary College and the Kadina High Campus has not been something I have actively been seeking. However, the prospect of working closer to home with a young family was an opportunity I could not turn down and I am excited to build on my skills with my local community. Recruitment for the new permanent Principal at the Kadina High Campus will commence in Term 1, 2024.

I am incredibly grateful for the time I have spent with you all over the last 2 years. In that time, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together, powered by our ethos of; '**Kadina creates...**'. My time as Principal has been one of the most incredible and challenging things I have ever done. When I arrived, my plan was about ensuring that we built a strong school culture that reflected the outstanding achievements that occur here each day. I am confident we have come a long way on this, with a strong direction firmly in place for the future. Right from the beginning, the first thing I noticed about this school was the power the strong relationships between staff and students have on positive outcomes. It is these relationships that truly set Kadina apart and showcase the amazing resilience, patience and professionalism of our teachers. I hope that the positive steps forward we have made as a community continue to sustain positive growth for our students.

With my paternity leave starting, saying proper goodbyes to everyone will be difficult. However, I will ensure that I return before the end of the year to say farewell and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

James Witchard
Principal.