

Dear St Ambrose School Community,



Recently, Chelsea Carter was announced as the Principal of St Ambrose Primary School, commencing in 2026 and continuing beyond. On behalf of the school community and staff, I extend my warmest congratulations to Chelsea on her appointment.

The process of selecting a new Principal was a comprehensive and rigorous one, conducted initially by an external recruitment agency. The position was advertised nationally, attracting a highly competitive field of candidates. While Chelsea is currently serving as our Assistant Principal, which presented both advantages and challenges in the application process, it was ultimately her depth of experience, impressive credentials, and professional achievements that made her the most suitable candidate for the role.

Chelsea's resume is truly outstanding. Her qualifications include:

- **2025** – Commenced Doctorate of Education, Notre Dame University
- **2024** – Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership
- **2022** – NESA HALT Assessor
- **2020** – Lead Teacher Accreditation
- **2015** – Master of Inclusive Education

Her leadership roles include:

- Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching and Resident Teaching Consultant
- Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching
- Assistant Principal
- Acting Assistant Principal & Leader of Pedagogy
- K-2 Instructional Leader
- Leader of Curriculum

In addition to her roles within the school, Chelsea is an active member of broader education and parish communities. Her memberships include:

- Parish Council Member & Lector demonstrating her strong connection to St Anthony's Parish and her Faith
- Speaker at the National EduTech Conference
- Contributor to the AITSL National Formative Assessment Initiative
- Member of the Catholic Schools NSW Teacher Development Network
- Participant in the NESA HALT Focus Group
- Member of the Diocesan Report Working Party
- Contributor to the Southern Cross University Primary Industry Steering Committee

Chelsea started her career in the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn - McAuley Catholic Central School (Tumut) & St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Young). Chelsea has 16 years experience in Catholic Education.

As the Foundation Principal of St Ambrose, I am delighted that Chelsea Carter will continue to carry forward the vision and high standards we have worked so hard to establish. I have every confidence in her leadership and believe that her passion, dedication, and expertise will serve our school community well.

I am sure she will have your full support as she steps into this important role.

Warm regards,

Brian Laybutt
Foundation Principal
St Ambrose Primary School