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From the Chair of the Board – Carey Baptist Grammar School

We are very pleased to announce today that Carey has appointed Mr Jonathan Walter as our new Principal, to commence at the start of 2020. As a Carey Board, there is a unanimous view that Jonathan is a progressive leader who will take our school community, students, staff and parents into a world that holds enormous potential for those willing to embrace exciting challenges.

Jonathan joins us from Woodleigh School, where he has served as Principal for the past eight years and was prominent in building a thriving school community. He brings more than 20 years of leadership to Carey and in fact began his career as an educator at Carey 27 years ago, before moving on to Wesley College and Caulfield Grammar in a range of teaching and leadership roles.

Throughout his career, Jonathan has demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive and holistic education, including the value he sees in coeducation. His educational philosophies, strong personal values and experience will build on Carey's foundation of educational innovation and excellence.

Jonathan is a highly-regarded leader in innovative and agile approaches to education, advocating that the role of schools should include the deliberate preparation of each student for life beyond school. He is committed to supporting each student to unearth their passions, find their voice, build on their strengths and feel empowered to think critically about local and global issues in the service of others.

He is looking forward to working with Carey's staff and leading the school community to develop wise, independent and motivated people who are inspired to create positive change.

Jonathan will join Carey in January 2020, taking over from Philip Grutzner, who will leave the School at the end of this year, having successfully led an inclusive Carey community that celebrates diversity, the unique talents and growth of every student, and a commitment to social justice.

We look forward to warmly welcoming Jonathan, his wife Claire and their family to our Carey Community in 2020. In the meantime, we will take the opportunity to celebrate the leadership of Philip Grutzner, and to bid him a fond farewell.

The Carey Board would like to thank all members of the School community for your ongoing support.

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