



**TRINITY  
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SCHOOL, KEW**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Trinity Headmaster steps down; interim Headmaster appointed**

Trinity Grammar announced today that Headmaster Dr Michael Davies had tendered his resignation to the school and will conclude his near five-year tenure at the end of Term 2.

Trinity has appointed Mr Phil De Young to the position of Interim Headmaster while a search for Dr Davies' replacement is undertaken by the Interim Council, a process likely to take many months.

Trinity School Council Chairman Robert Utter expressed his disappointment at Dr Davies' decision.

“We have accepted Michael’s resignation but are sorry to see him leave,” Mr Utter said. “Over the past four and a half years, Dr Davies has been instrumental in the school’s continuing evolution as a leading private educational institution. Michael, with support from a team of highly-regarded teachers and educational leaders, has implemented an impressive list of academic, outreach and co-curricular initiatives at Trinity. They have helped our school reach a revered independent rating as one of the best performing Victorian schools across a wide range of educational, pastoral and personal development metrics.

“It would be easy to forget these achievements given recent circumstances at the school but they remain accurate measures of our recent history. On behalf of School Council, I wish Michael and his family all the very best and thank them for their service to and care for our school community.”

Dr Davies said he came to the decision after deep discussion with his family. “Having successfully resolved some complex matters over recent weeks, I am now content that our hard work in recent weeks has helped the school return to a position where students and staff are enjoying the normal rhythm of school life.” Dr Davies said.

“As a school, we have made tremendous strides over the past four years and I have enjoyed my time here immensely. Trinity Grammar is a highly regarded institution built on a cohort of extremely capable students, talented and committed teachers, and caring and involved parents. I wish the entire Trinity community all the very best as it works towards an even stronger future.”

Mr Utter welcomed Phil De Young to the position of Interim Headmaster. “Phil De Young is an extremely well-regarded education professional who, over four decades, has fulfilled a range of leadership roles in private schools as well as in the commercial sector. We look forward to working with Phil as he instils appropriate school leadership and operations that allow for a firm focus on nurturing and developing our students.”

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Phil De Young said he was eager to get started as Interim Headmaster. "I am very much looking forward to engaging with the broad Trinity community in a partnership that allows the best interests of the school's current and future students to be nurtured - this should be our primary objective."

The appointment of Trinity's new Headmaster will be made by the school's Interim School Council, which assumes leadership on 1 June 2018. Previous commitments to a wide-ranging consultation and engagement process, and review of school governance, will continue throughout the year. Details are available [here](#).

#### **Phil De Young – biography**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Positions</b>
1975	Mentone Grammar School teacher of Economics and Accounting
1976 to 1993	Wesley College Head of Senior School (eight years), Head of Middle School (three years), teach of Economics and Accounting
1994 to 1997	Caulfield Grammar School Head of Campus
1998 to 2001	Wilson Dilworth Consultant then Director
2002 to 2010	Carey Baptist Grammar School Principal
2011	Evans and Partners Chief Executive Officer
2012 onwards	Educational Consultant, Board Member

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