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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Recently, Good Shepherd Primary Principal Patricia (Tricia) Carr wrote to you with the news that she had made the decision to retire at the end of the 2022 school year. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge Tricia's outstanding service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Parramatta that began thirty years ago at St Paul the Apostle Primary Winston Hills.

Tricia was appointed Principal of Good Shepherd Primary Plumpton in 2012. Her career in Catholic education in the Diocese has also included being the Principal of St Oliver's Primary Harris Park, Acting Principal of Holy Family Primary Emerton and St Joseph's Primary Kingswood, and Assistant Principal of St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills and Holy Family Primary Emerton. She was also Director of Performance at the Catholic Education Office for a period in 2014/2015.

In each of her roles, Tricia has been a courageous and forthright Catholic school and community leader. Like the "Good Shepherd", she has shown extraordinary care and concern for her flock with particular advocacy for vulnerable children and young people. As a leader whose focus has been on equity and inclusion, she has been a champion for students with additional needs. She is a highly relational leader who understands well the complex nature of school communities. As a leader of learning, she has strived tirelessly to ensure that the students in her care are well prepared for each new stage of their learning journey. She is widely respected by her colleagues and has been a role model to many aspiring school leaders.

I sincerely thank Tricia for her service to the Mission of the Church in the Diocese of Parramatta. Her strong faith has been a source of nourishment and inspiration to the school communities she has served throughout her career in education.

On behalf of everyone within the CEDP family, I wish Tricia peace and joy in retirement.

Yours sincerely

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