



PRESS RELEASE

Principal Appointment – Bishop Viard College

The Board of Trustees of Bishop Viard College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Teresa Cargo to the position of Principal. Teresa will commence the position early in term four, following the departure of Hedley Aitken, who is retiring after 15 years of dedicated service to the College.

The appointment process attracted applicants of the highest quality. Many had demonstrated leadership experience at the highest levels in Catholic education. After a thorough appointment process, it is clear that Teresa's skills and experience meet the current needs of our community.

Teresa Cargo comes to us after 30 years at Sacred Heart Girls College, a large Catholic Secondary School in Hamilton. A graduate of the Otago School of Physical Education and the Auckland College of Education, she is currently studying towards her Masters in Educational Leadership. Throughout her teaching career Teresa has taught Religious Education, Science, Physical Education and Health. She has a wide range of leadership experience in a Catholic College and a strong background in pastoral care and student management systems. Teresa has several years' experience as a Deputy Principal and has had extended periods of time as a successful Acting Principal.

Teresa has coached male and female basketball at a range of levels. She brings to this a position a life time commitment both as a player, coach and administrator at school, regional, national and international level basketball.

Teresa's experience in educational leadership, in leading and coaching young sports men and women and her commitment to Special Character and Pastoral Care convinced the Board that Teresa, through her leadership, will make a significant contribution to our College and students' lives.

On behalf of the school community we wish Teresa Cargo every success and blessing as she prepares to begin her new leadership role and life in Porirua. Teresa will join us in the second week of term four, when there will be an opportunity for us all to formally welcome her to the Bishop Viard College family. We are sure that she will be warmly embraced and supported by you all. We look forward to the gifts and value that Teresa will bring to our College Community.

Marian Blackford
Bishop Viard College Chairperson

