



Catholic Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes
Office of the Bishop

21 September 2023

Dear Colleagues,

I write to inform you that I have appointed Mrs Paula Leadbitter as Director of Catholic Education, Wilcannia Forbes, effective from 15 January 2024. The appointment was made after an extensive recruitment and interview process undertaken by an independent recruitment firm and with the support of a panel of expert representatives.

Paula is a highly experienced and respected Catholic leader. She has twenty-five years of experience in education within the Wilcannia-Forbes diocese, with fourteen of these as a school principal in two diocesan schools. Most recently, she has held the position of Head of Learning and Teaching based in the Catholic Education office in Forbes. Paula is a highly respected advocate for empowering students and educators alike. Her strategic approach and team-building skills have created inclusive and collaborative learning communities. Paula is passionate about remote and rural education. She is a faith-filled leader and an active member of her local Catholic Parish at St Laurence's in Forbes.

Paula's formal qualifications include a Bachelor of Education (Primary), a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education and a Masters of Educational Leadership.

Thank you to the members of the interview panel for advising me on this significant leadership appointment.

I am confident that you will join me in congratulating Paula as she takes up this new ministry in education.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Columba M'.

Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE