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## Appointment of Executive Director, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Edward Simons as Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and Executive Director of Education for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Dr Simons has served as the acting Executive Director of MACS since October 2022, providing important continuity of leadership following the announcement of the separation of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria from MACS.

Dr Simons was previously MACS Director of Governance and Strategy, where he led the design, development and early delivery of our bold and ambitious inaugural strategy, *MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World*.

Prior to this, he was the Director of Governance, Strategy and Digital Transformation at Catholic Education Western Australia, having also completed his Doctorate of Education and Masters in Educational Management at the University of Western Australia.

His deep understanding, commitment and passion for education has been built over twenty years of working in the sector across the UK and Australia, and includes roles as a classroom teacher, principal and various senior and executive roles in education, including in government.

With a strong commitment to his Catholic faith, Dr Simons is an active member of his Parish, along with his young family. As a proud MACS parent, Dr Simons brings with him insights and perspectives that will strengthen the mission of Catholic education in the Archdiocese.

This appointment follows an extensive recruitment campaign, managed by international executive recruitment firm, Korn Ferry. MACS is the largest Catholic education entity in Australia, and recognised as one of the most prominent across the world, educating over 110,000 students within 300 schools, and employing over 16,000 dedicated staff. The role attracted significant interest from a large number of impressive candidates, both nationally and abroad, reflecting the importance of the role and the strength of MACS as an organisation.

Dr Simons will officially commence as Executive Director today. We warmly welcome his innovative leadership and engagement-focused management style, and his continued focus on the implementation of MACS 2030 and strengthening of Catholic education across the Archdiocese.

Together, we congratulate Dr Simons on his appointment and wish him every success as he continues to serve MACS, and our broader community with faith, hope and love.

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