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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students, Danebank Old Girls, and the wider Danebank community

**Appointment of Dr Emma Burgess DipTeach BEd MEdM PhD AMusA as next Principal of Danebank**



On behalf of the Board of Anglican Schools Corporation and the School Council of Danebank, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Emma Burgess to take up the position of Principal of Danebank in 2020.

Following a thorough selection process, nationally and internationally, it became very clear that Dr Burgess would be the best person to lead Danebank into its next phase of growth and development. Both the School Council and the Board have affirmed their confidence in Dr Burgess' capacity for the leadership of Danebank into the future and, accordingly, have appointed Dr Burgess as Principal from January 2020.

Dr Burgess will succeed Mrs Maryanne Davis, who retires at the end of 2019.

Mrs Davis has led the school with great wisdom, energy and clear Christian faith for ten years, and will leave our school in a very strong position for the future. For this, the Board and the School Council thank her most sincerely.

Dr Burgess comes to Danebank as a brilliant thinker, strategist and a visionary educational leader. She has held senior positions over a career in education of some 25 years, including (currently) Head of Teaching and Learning (SCEGGS Redlands), Head of Senior School (St Michael's Collegiate School) and Deputy Principal (Guilford Young College). Dr Burgess brings a deep commitment to the provision of an exemplary education that offers the best in learning and care for staff and girls. She is well placed to lead across all key areas which the role demands – and the elements of the day-to-day operations of a school like Danebank.

Dr Burgess knows Danebank to be a Christian faith-based, high-performing, non-selective girls' school with a clear vision to provide quality, affordable education that will equip girls for all aspects of life. The fact that Danebank is grounded in the Christian faith, and that the School is so clearly shaped by the gospel, is at the heart of Dr Burgess' desire to serve the School as its next Principal.

"Mrs Davis, together with her exceptional staff, has positioned Danebank as a leading school for girls. I am delighted and honoured to build on that remarkable legacy, to lead and to serve the School in this next phase", Dr Burgess said. "It will be a great pleasure to connect with the girls, staff, families and community of Danebank, soon."

Dr Burgess and her husband, Stuart, attend their local Anglican church. Together, they have three daughters – Isabella, Molly and Charlotte.

Please join with us in congratulating Dr Burgess on her appointment as Principal of Danebank, and in welcoming her to the school. We look forward to this exciting new step in Danebank's journey, under God's guidance, as we continue to prepare girls for a bright future.

Yours sincerely

Mr Philip Bell OAM  
Corporation Chairman

Dr Richard Sharp  
Chair, Danebank School Council