

19 October 2007

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure I advise that at a meeting of the School Council held on Wednesday last, it was unanimously agreed to offer the position of Principal of Scotch College to Mr Tom Batty. Subsequently, Mr Batty has accepted that appointment and is expected to commence his duties towards the middle of next year.

The appointment of Mr Batty follows an extensive worldwide search for a new Principal with the assistance of external consultants. The Council was impressed by the quality of the applicants which reflects well on the standing of the School.

Mr Batty, aged 45, a communicant member of the Church of England, is currently Housemaster of Villiers House, Eton College in the UK. He is married to Lee and they have two young daughters. He is British born but holds Australian citizenship following a number of years teaching in Australia. Lee is an Australian who was born and educated in NSW.

Mr Batty completed his secondary education at Burnham Grammar School, Buckinghamshire and attended Brunel University Uxbridge, Middlesex, where he obtained a BSc Honours Degree in mathematics and also obtained a Certificate of Education. He commenced his career in education, initially at Thames High School in New Zealand (1987-89), proceeding to St Patrick's College, Wellington, New Zealand (1989-91) and then came to Australia where he was a tutor at the University of NSW (1991-92). He then moved to Waverley College, Sydney (1992-96) before joining Eton where he has been employed since 1996.

During the selection process, Council was most impressed with his educational philosophy, views on current and future issues in education and his commitment to and passion for the role. Mr Batty sees education as a means "through which boys can take control of their lives and emerge confident young men adaptable to both complexity and variety. I believe in a values based education that focuses on the whole child and a broad curriculum that sets the same standards from the classrooms to the Chapel via the playing fields, music schools and theatre. Essential to my vision is the need to engender in each boy a strong sense of self and a desire to question, discuss and lead. All this, I firmly believe, is best achieved in a Christian setting."

In the interregnum between Dr Donaldson stepping down at the conclusion of the current year and the commencement of duties by Mr Batty towards the middle of next year, Mr Ian Savage will be Acting Principal. We are indeed fortunate to have the knowledge and experience of Mr Savage to assist us during this time.

I take this opportunity to remind members of the Scotch family that your final chance to say farewell to Dr Donaldson and Joyce will be at the farewell function being held on Thursday 22 November, 2007 notice of which has previously been forwarded.



D.A. Crawford
Chairman