

1st September 2019

Dear Friends,

I write to advise you that our Principal of almost 50 years, Sr Jillian Havey, OP, AM has decided to retire in 2020. Sr Jillian and I have been discussing plans for her retirement for some time now, and at a recent College Board meeting on 1st July 2019 she confirmed her desire to retire. We were progressing those plans when unfortunately, she suffered a medical episode which has put her in hospital. We pray for her restoration to good health. The Board is continuing to progress with the plan to appoint a new Principal sometime during 2020.

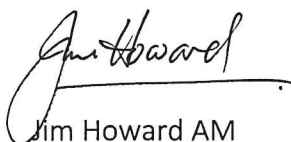
Under Sr Jillian's leadership and that of the Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide, the College has established an enviable reputation as one of the leading colleges for girls in Adelaide. At the forefront of decision making, the focus has remained on students, their experience of education, and their wellbeing, leading to St Dominic's Priory College reporting academic results which are among the best in South Australia.

The College has been built over the last 50 years by Sr Jillian's tireless commitment, dedication, knowledge and leadership, led by her Dominican spirit. Sr Jillian has driven the development of the facilities of the College whilst maintaining the affordability for families. We were delighted to open the new Year 12 Centre this year and name it in her honour. This project took many years and much tenacity on her part and it is a great asset.

The Board has engaged a professional recruitment group, Hender Consulting, to assist in identifying, attracting and appointing the best possible candidate to lead St Dominic's Priory College in the future. The search will begin shortly and you will see public advertisements for the position in key newspapers.

Meanwhile Sr Jillian remains Principal and as she is in hospital recovering from her illness, Ms Muriel Noujaim is Acting Principal in her absence. We are implementing the plans that Sr Jillian and I put in place, in the time frames envisaged, as we work towards her retirement. We wish her a speedy recovery and please keep her in your prayers.

Yours Sincerely



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