



**Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra and Goulburn**

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### **Appointment of Director of Education**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ross Fox as the new Director of Education for the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. I am confident that Ross will bring to the role a deep faith, understanding and commitment to the mission of the Archdiocese, and will assist me in my pastoral responsibilities. He will be a worthy successor to the great contribution in this vital area given by Ms Moira Najdecki.

Ross is profoundly committed to Catholic education, as evidenced by his work as Executive Director with the National Catholic Education Commission, having been appointed to the role in July 2013. Prior to his current role Ross held senior positions with the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne, and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria.

Ross has demonstrated his commitment to the Catholic faith and teachings of the Church through both his work in Catholic education and as an active participant in parish life.

His desire for learning and development motivated him to broaden his academic experience by reading Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University. His time at Oxford studying with the Dominicans was also significant in his own personal faith development.

This position attracted a high number of very well qualified applicants. The selection panel was chaired by Fr Richard Thompson PP, and included another Archdiocesan executive; a Director of Schools from another Diocese; and a former Director of Schools. We were assisted in this process by an external consultant. I am most grateful for their contributions.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Ross on being appointed to such a significant role in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn; and for Catholic education in the ACT and NSW.

Ross will take up his duties in early December 2016.

I invite you to welcome Ross as he takes up the role as Director of Education.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
**Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn**  
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