

# Media Statement

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## **Announcement from the Bishops of Western Australia - Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia**

The Bishops of Western Australia have announced today that the Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA), Dr Debra Sayce, will step down from her leadership role at the end of 2023.

Dr Sayce has been appointed by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth, as the inaugural Head of Mission Enhancement and Outreach – Archdiocese Agencies, for the Archdiocese of Perth, an exciting new leadership position created to further enhance the impact and delivery of front-line services provided to the brother community by the Archdiocese of Perth. Dr Sayce will commence her new appointment in January 2023.

The Bishops of Western Australia have also announced the appointment Mr Wayne Bull, the current Deputy Executive Director, to the position of Executive Director of CEWA until the end of 2024. Mr Bull has been in his current position for four years.

Mr Bull is a long-term contributor to Catholic education in Western Australia. He commenced his career as a secondary school teacher and quickly progressed through school leadership roles to become Principal, a position held at various Catholic schools for 19 years.

Mr Bull was a prime proponent and developer of the globally recognised strategic and operational platform at CEWA, known as Quality Catholic Education (QCE). He also played a significant role during COVID, leading the Catholic schools operational response to the epidemic, widely regarded as the best in Western Australia.

Mr Bull is very well known in education sectors both in Western Australia and nationally and is highly respected for his strong leadership, values-based approach and personal empathy.

In support of the appointment of Mr Bull by the Bishops of Western Australia Ms Eva Skira AM, Chair, Catholic Commission of Western Australia, congratulated Mr Bull on his appointment and commented:

“Mr Bull is a passionate advocate for Catholic education and its mission, and combined with his deep experience, operational excellence and generosity of spirit, will undoubtedly be an inspirational leader for Catholic education. I very much look forward to Mr Bull leading in 2024 a flourishing Catholic education sector in Western Australia, and commencing the implementation of key strategic initiatives that are currently being finalised by the Commission.”

Ms Skira AM also noted Dr Sayce's outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Western Australia and Australia.

Dr Sayce served in independent and Catholic schools in her early career. She was appointed Director Religious Education in 2007 and held the role till she was appointed Interim Executive Director in 2017, and subsequently confirmed in that role in 2018.

Ms Skira commented:

“Dr Sayce has led with distinction Catholic Education in WA with a laser focus on Christ-centred student outcomes. Her commitment to mission and the gospel values was always reflected in her leadership and decision making such that Catholic education has grown and flourished during her time. A Catholic education is regarded by many as the preferred schooling choice in Western Australia.

Dr Sayce will be greatly missed in Catholic education in Western Australia and I wish her well in her new important role.”

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### **Note to Editors**

#### Attachments

1. Announcement re. Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia – All Staff CEWA Ltd
2. Appointment Head, Mission Enhancement and Outreach – Archdiocesan Agencies

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