

From the Principal



I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family. A new chapter has begun in the life of the school and I feel privileged to be joining this vibrant community.

I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself - I have been married for almost 26 years to David and have three wonderful sons. I am an English/Drama/History teacher by training. I have taught in southwestern and western Sydney, on the mid-north coast of NSW and in the beautiful Blue Mountains. I'm glad to be back on the coast, in an area familiar to me. I love reading, gardening, celebrating life through food and family, and spending time outdoors, especially at the beach.

The thing that gets me out of bed and bouncing into school each morning is a passion to help our students thrive in the often confusing world in which we live. Giving them a sense of hope, a capacity to be curious, creative and actively learn, be resilient, compassionate and to have a strong sense of justice are core aspects of what I value. Building an engaging learning community and providing real life opportunities to care for our world, serve others, find solutions to the complex problems we face and celebrate beauty through the joy of creativity is what I strive for in a school. We are also part of a dynamic broader community and I am keen to see our school continue to strengthen their involvement – working with industry, the tertiary sector, the arts and building strong connections with our local indigenous community.

Ultimately, I believe that a school is about creating a community of *Shalom* - where we are at peace with God, ourselves, each other and our world. Whether you have a Christian faith or not, our school is a wonderful and safe place for students and families to wrestle with those big questions of what life is about, who Jesus is and what it means to truly live in peace. I love to hear students asking questions - all the time - about the things big and small that matter most to them.

As a school, Shellharbour Anglican College achieved outstanding results in the 2019 HSC, with the second highest results in the Illawarra region. This is an achievement that our staff and students can be rightfully proud of. These Year 12 students demonstrated a balanced approach to their studies and an attitude of commitment as many continued to be actively involved in the life of the school and the broader community.

I know that finding the right school for your child is an important decision and deserves careful consideration, I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you in person and hearing about your hopes and dreams for your children and perhaps sharing what your hopes and dreams are for Shellharbour Anglican College in this exciting new chapter ahead!

Warm regards

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