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Australian Primary Principals Association announces new President

Former President of the South Australian Primary Principals Association, Angela Falkenberg, elected as President of APPA

Sydney May 16, 2023, The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) is pleased to announce that its National Advisory Council has unanimously elected Angela Falkenberg as its new President.

Ms Falkenberg, a current board member of APPA, comes to the position of President after building an impressive career in education across the Northern Territory and South Australia. This includes holding senior school leadership positions across both Primary and Secondary Schools, being President of the South Australian Primary Principals Association and bringing with her extensive experience in the education of First Nation children.

Speaking on behalf of the APPA board Deputy President Sally Ruston AM welcomed the appointment of Ms Falkenberg.

“Angela brings a wealth of experience in primary education, understands the pressures that school leaders face and is someone who is passionate about working collaboratively with all stakeholders to improve the quality of education in our nation. We are fortunate to have someone of her calibre to lead APPA into the future.”

Ms Falkenberg, who takes the role from retiring President Malcolm Elliott, said that she was excited to take on the role of an organisation with the credibility of APPA, an organisation that provides a voice to over 7,600 public, catholic and independent school principals across the country.

“APPA holds a key place in representing primary education and I look forward to continuing its work in ensuring that the future of primary education is front and centre in the minds of stakeholders and decision makers across the country,” said Ms Falkenberg.

“There are significant issues facing primary education, not least being the teacher shortage and respect for those who work in such an important profession, and I intend to be a strong advocate for the sector and to finding solutions to the issues faced by working collaboratively and positively with key stakeholders.”

A key area for Ms Falkenberg, the APPA Board and National Advisory Council will be to partner with peak national education bodies and principal associations to tackle current issues in the education sector as well as continuing to work in collaboration with the Federal Minister for Education Jason Clare on the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan.

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