



# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

## Principal Message

April 2023

I was extremely excited and honoured when at the end of last year, I was offered the position of Executive Principal at Mirboo North Secondary College. Originally from New Zealand, I too attended a rural high school. I remember my years there extremely fondly. I enjoyed a great education with teachers who knew me well. Although the community did not have a lot of resources, we were encouraged to be "Paeroa Positive" and proud of where we lived.

Prior to arriving at Mirboo North Secondary College, I was the Principal at Korumburra Secondary College for five years, and prior to this, the Principal at Neerim District Secondary College for four years. During my time at Korumburra and Neerim District both schools were able to boast positive Staff and Parent Opinion Data, and outstanding student results.

I am passionate about State Education, teaching and learning, and student and staff wellbeing. In addition to my teaching qualifications and a Masters in School Leadership, I also have a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and am a keen writer of young adult fiction.

As a Mirboo North resident, I am motivated to see this community thrive. I believe the principal's role is to serve the local area, and to work with students, staff, and parents to provide a safe and welcoming school which creates opportunities for each and every student to be successful.

Finally, 2023 is a year of rebuilding for the College. The COVID years have been challenging for everyone including schools. With ongoing and stable leadership now, and a new Strategic Plan which has given us a positive direction for moving forward, MNSC is set to regain its position as an excelling school within South Gippsland.

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College Principal