

Kia ora to parents, caregivers and students,

After much reflection I have made the significant decision that the time is right for me to resign as principal of Mount Aspiring College. I have informed the Board of Trustees that I will continue to work through to the end of the school term and then be stepping down for the transition to a new leader.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of MAC for the last 20 years and it is a college of which I am extremely proud.

I am humbled to have played a role in the development of so many students as they matured into wonderful people who are making such a positive contribution to society. I am hugely grateful for the support from staff, boards of trustees and members of the Upper Clutha community during my tenure at MAC.

I recall a conversation I had with some members of staff after my very first prize-giving (which still involved the whole school) that sums up my respect for and admiration for the talents of our students. We were discussing how we would ever replace that group of senior students who had performed with such distinction and confidence at the ceremony. We needn't have been concerned as for the next nineteen years and for the years to come I am sure the school's talented students will continue to excel in the classroom, on stage and in the sporting arenas locally, nationally and internationally.

What am I most proud of during my time at MAC? The answer is simple, it is the students. They are the greatest ambassadors for the college and of course for their families. They have much to offer and we as adults have much we can learn from them. The development of our student leadership structure and increased student voice is a development that gives me great personal satisfaction. I have also worked alongside so many gifted colleagues who without exception have given their all for their students.

I have spoken many times over the years of taking advantage of the opportunities in front of you. I leave Mount Aspiring College knowing that there are indeed new and exciting opportunities to come for me personally and for the college I love. I am very much looking forward to the exciting times ahead in my final term at Te Kāreti o Maunga Tititēa, and beyond that for me personally.

Thank you all very much and wish you all the very best as you strive to enjoy success.

Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei

Kia kaha

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