

TO: Principals
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FROM: Vince O'Rourke

RE: A Director's Report for all Staff

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In the light of the significant issues that have affected us all to some degree, I have written this special report to you all. Please take the time to read it.

Director's Return:

I am in the office from Monday, 7 October, but on a part-time basis for the next three weeks. The Leadership Team has agreed to carry the load for me a little longer so that I can get my feet on the ground and turn my attention to the matters of significance requiring immediate attention. During this period I will not be taking appointments but will arrange to meet with whom I need to take up the issues of the day. I will also be able in this way to continue with the rehabilitation program that I have begun at St Andrew's Hospital.

Assistant Director - FES:

I wish to confirm that Fr Ron McKeirnan has resigned from Brisbane Catholic Education. That resignation has been accepted. Faith Education Services will continue to be oversighted by Mr Damien Brennan until we are in a position to determine the best way forward for the good of Catholic Education. The work on the finalisation of the R.E. Guidelines will continue as planned.

Fr Ron's going has been painful for many, not to mention the pain it is causing him and his family. I would ask that you might, in the spirit of a true follower of Christ, find it in your heart to keep them in your prayers. Fr Ron's work in R.E. has been exceptional in the twenty-three years that he has been in Catholic Education.

Deputy Director:

It was with deep regret that I accepted the resignation of Mr Brian Gordon from BCEC on 30 September, 1996. Brian had been suffering from ill health for some time. He had been staving off the inevitable until he was sure that I would indeed be returning to the role of Director. Appended to Brian's letter of resignation was a letter from his physician supporting Brian's decision to take early retirement.