



# Chinchilla State High School

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Dear staff and colleagues, students, parents, families and community friends

Whilst I would rather deliver this information in person, I do not have the ability to do so, hence I have written this letter so that people can hear the news as directly as possible from me, rather than from other sources from outside of our town.

It is with a genuine sense of sadness that I write to inform you that I will be finishing in my role as the Principal of Chinchilla State High School at the end of the 2018 school year. Our family continues to be very happy living, working, attending school and playing sport and music in Chinchilla, but our very difficult decision to leave has been made with the sole intent of providing our children with the opportunity to choose to attend a high school where I am not the Principal.

I genuinely believe that Chinchilla State High School is an excellent school with many outstanding staff members and students. There is a fantastic breadth of opportunities for students and there are many achievements each year that make me feel very proud of the school community. In so many ways Chinchilla State High School would be an excellent school for our children. The only concern is that having our children attend the same school where I am the principal could present them with a number of potentially significant challenges that other students do not have to experience. Whilst being at the same school is not overly concerning to them at present, things could change quite quickly in their teen years when they will be seeking more independence.

Recently a Principal position at a school in a larger regional location became available. After a lot of deliberation I decided to apply because the opportunity to relocate to an area where our children will have a number of choices of high schools may not present itself again for years. This week I have received notification that I have been appointed to that position, although I am unable to disclose the details at this point in time.

I would like to maintain a strong association with Chinchilla State High School and the local Chinchilla community. I do not know who will replace me at this stage but I intend to support the new principal, staff and students wherever possible. Hopefully there will also be scope to build academic, sporting and cultural opportunities between the schools. I would like to sincerely thank all of the local Principals and staff who are always supportive and striving to do their very best for the students and families at the other schools in Chinchilla and surrounding cluster school areas. Sincere thanks also to the members of the South West School Sport Board for their support and ongoing commitment to students in this region.

Our heartfelt thanks to St Joey's school, staff, students and families, for your excellent contribution to the lives of our children. Thank you very much also to the many families and members of the Chinchilla Bulldogs, Chinchilla Bears Football, Chinchilla Netball Inc., Chinchilla Touch Association and the Chinchilla Swimming Club, for the countless learnings, special memories and great times for our family. With respect to club sport in 2019, we will consider our options; including the logistics of travelling to Chinchilla if that is the option that appeals most to our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone within the school and wider community who have extended their support and friendship to our family or me during our 6 ½ years in Chinchilla. The school and town is full of fantastic students and families and I have been very fortunate to have had the honour to have been Principal at Chinchilla State High School.

Thank you very much Chinchilla. Take care.

Yours sincerely

Scott Rowan  
Principal