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New School Principal – Coomera Anglican College

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I have spoken in this place many times before about the importance of education, and the major impression that teachers make on their students right around the country.

Last monthss, I had the honour of attending one of the schools in my electorate – Coomera Anglican College for the Commissioning of their new School Principal.

This was an honour in many respects, one because it involves education, but secondly because their new Principal is only the second in almost 30 years of its history.

Coomera Anglican College was founded in January 1997, catering for students from Prep right through to Year 12.

The Founding Principal of the college, Doctor Mark Sly has stepped aside after more than 26 years in the top job.

When Mark helped launch the school all those years ago, cleaning toilets and mowing lawns was all part of the job as the School Principal.

When the school began, there were only 60 students on the roll, a handful of teachers and supporting staff and an empty paddock where the school now stands.

Mr. Patrick Innes-Hill comes to Coomera Anglican College after roles at Emmanuel College and Josiah College on the Gold Coast as well as Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School in New South Wales.

Patrick's vision is to enable all his students at Coomera Anglican College to make a real difference in the world.

Speaker, I for one look forward to meeting up with Principal Innes-Hill in the very near future, and I'm sure everyone in the house wishes Patrick well as he embarks on his new chapter as School Principal of Coomera Anglican College.

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