



## Top Level Changes

In Lent Term (Term 1) a detailed recruitment process guided by the Association of Independent Schools resulted in the appointment of a new Head of College for St Mark's College. Mrs Janet Stewart was appointed to the role of leading the school through the next stage of its growth and development. Mrs Stewart came to St Mark's with 27 years' experience in government and Catholic schools and a fine record of achievement in raising academic standards.

With the resignation of Mr Steven Vazouras at the end of Lent Term, the opportunity was taken to restructure the College's Executive. After once again going through the recruitment process, Mr Francois David was appointed as the new Deputy Head of College, and Mr Norman Mikhail was appointed to the position of Head of Primary, a position restored after two years of absence. Both have taken up their roles in Pentecost Term.

Mr David has been with St Mark's for many years in various capacities and has proven his skills in a number of leadership roles. He understands Coptic College education inside out and has demonstrated his loyalty and dedication to its success in a myriad of ways. In many ways he represents the new generation of enthusiastic Coptic educators who are such a great role model for our students as they grow and form their own personalities.

Mr Mikhail brings to the College his years of experience and unique expertise in Primary education, having been a lecturer at the Australian Catholic University and Principal of another Independent Primary School. St Mark's Primary School is already doing wonderful things with the children, with a devoted and capable staff and a lovely atmosphere that is rare to find in schools these days. We pray that his gifts will enhance all the great work that now happens there, and help take Primary up to the next level on the road to excellence.

### Did You Know?

In the venerable tradition of the oldest universities of England, the school terms at St Mark's are named after the important religious events that occur within them:

- Term 1 = Lent Term
- Term 2 = Pentecost Term
- Term 3 = Theotokos Term
- Term 4 = Nativity Term