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### **Malcolm Elliott re-elected unanimously as APPA President for 2021-2022**

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) have announced that Malcolm Elliott has been re-elected unanimously to a second term as APPA President for 2021-2022.

Mr Elliott was re-elected unopposed by the national, state and territory sector principals' associations that make up the National Advisory Council (NAC) of the Australian Primary Principals Association.

"The member organisations involved and the APPA are playing a critical role in supporting our school leaders across the country to deliver the best possible educational outcomes for our children and I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue to lead such a brilliant team of dedicated educators," said Mr. Elliott.

"Australia has a world class education capacity. We must maintain our focus on equity, fairness and the purposes of education. The adaptability of our schools during the pandemic has uncovered opportunities for more closely meeting the needs of our students in our culturally and geographically diverse nation including working even more effectively with families," he said.

Mr Elliott said he is looking forward to continuing to lead APPA's work on behalf of primary principals across Australia, particularly through a time in the nation's history where the importance of their role in the community has never been more significant.

"In an exciting development, Britany Roestenburg, current President of the NT Principals Association, was unanimously elected to her first term as APPA Deputy President, emphasising clearly the breadth and strength of APPA as a truly national association for Primary principals."

In welcoming Ms Roestenburg to the leadership team, Mr Elliott also acknowledged and paid tribute to Phil Seymour, current President of the NSWPPA, who steps down as APPA Deputy President in October, after having served in this role with distinction over the past 8 years.

"It is fabulous to welcome Britany Roestenburg to the deputy's position. Britany is in the vanguard of an evolving generation of education leadership in Australia", Mr Elliott said.

"Our departing Deputy President, Phil Seymour, has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian Primary Principals Association. He has brought a vast trove of experience, educational know-how and the highest levels of leadership acumen to our organisation. Phil has been a leader of distinction at school, state, national and international levels."



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In reflecting upon his re-election, Mr Elliott said that every day he values the privilege of leading an association that brings together principals from all sectors in every state and territory.

Mr. Elliott has continually emphasised the importance of relationship and trust through his work as APPA President and has used this approach as the foundation to forging strong, and effective collaborative partnerships with many key stakeholders across the national education sector.

“I am looking forward to continuing the APPA’s work, along with other peak national education bodies and principal associations, and particularly in liaison with the Federal Minister for Education, Dan Tehan.

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) represents over 7600 Government, Catholic and Independent primary school principals across Australia.

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