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The Australian Primary Principals Association re-elects Malcolm Elliott as President for 2023-2024

APPA President, Malcolm Elliott says that there are challenging times ahead for Australia's education system as he is re-elected to a third term

Brisbane, Australia, 17 August, 2022, The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) has announced that Malcolm Elliott has been re-elected unanimously to a third term as APPA President for 2023-2024.

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.

"I am delighted to continue in the role as President and thank APPA and its member organisations for the opportunity to lead the association at this most challenging time for education in our country," said Mr. Elliott.

"Our school leaders and educators are facing an increasingly high-pressure environment as schools across the country adapt to the impact that Covid has had across the system. APPA and our member organisations will play a critical role in supporting our school leadership across the country to deliver the best possible educational outcomes for our children," said Mr. Elliott.

"Australia has a world class education capacity. We are at an important crossroad in this country with the decisions we make on the future of education some of the most important that will have been made in this nation in decades. APPA stands ready to represent primary school leaders and work with all stakeholders to ensure that we secure an education system that delivers for all children, no matter where they live, across the nation," he said.

APPA has also announced that Sally Ruston AM, was also unanimously elected to her second term as APPA Deputy President, with Mr. Elliott saying that her election showed the breadth and strength of APPA as a truly national association for Primary principals."

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, as well as working in partnership with the new Federal Minister for Education, Hon Jason Clare MP to positively tackle the educational challenges that Australia faces."

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About the Australian Primary Principals Association

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) is the national professional association for primary school principals in Australia. APPA represents affiliated state and territory Government, Catholic and Independent primary schools across the nation) representing 7600 Government, Catholic and Independent primary school principals (and approx. 2.27million students) across Australia. It is the national voice on national issues and speaks directly to the Federal Government on matters that concern school principals and their school communities.

