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### **Angela Falkenberg re-elected unanimously as APPA President for 2025-2026**

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) has announced that Angela Falkenberg has been re-elected unanimously to a second term as APPA President for 2025-2026.

Ms Falkenberg 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 mindful of the trust placed in me and the importance of advocating for the professional voice of Australia's primary leaders to be at the table in determining education policy and practice," said Ms Falkenberg.

Ms Falkenberg stated that "research consistently highlights the crucial role that school leaders play in fostering positive student outcomes and in establishing the school culture that promotes belonging and connection."

"Leading a school can be the best job in the world and my focus as president is to ensure that primary principals have access to the system and community support that enables them to lead well, be safe and for their job demands to be matched with the job resources."

"In an exciting development, Sally Ruston AM, was also elected to her third term as APPA Deputy President, again emphasising clearly the breadth and strength of APPA as a truly national association for primary principals, representative of all sectors and all jurisdictions."

Ms Falkenberg has continually emphasised the strength of one 'national voice' through her work as APPA President and has used this approach as the foundation to forge strong and effective collaborative partnerships with many key stakeholders across the national education sector.

"I am looking forward to continuing APPA's work, along with other peak national education bodies and principal associations, and particularly in continued liaison with the Federal Minister for Education, Hon Jason Clare MP.

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

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