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Dear Members of the St Patrick's College Community

On behalf of St Kevin's and the entire Edmund Rice family, I write to extend our deep gratitude to you for your understanding and generosity in supporting John Crowley to respond to the call of a brother school. We know that the swiftness of John's move to St Kevin's has created great challenges for you as well, and please know of our commitment to support you through this difficult time.

Your community has experienced many significant challenges in recent years and the stability brought by John's leadership has been highly valued and deeply needed. To lose John at such short notice has caused some concern and confusion and EREA recognises this and apologises unreservedly.

We deeply appreciate the generosity of Stephen Hill in taking on the Acting Principal role. Be assured we will continue to give the stability of leadership of St Patrick's our highest priority. You are a loyal, steadfast and resilient community that will continue to receive our support and care. Last week Adam Taylor, our National Director School Engagement visited the College. Your Regional Director Diarmuid O'Riordan, will visit St Patrick's tomorrow; and I look forward to my visit to the College next week.

I conclude by acknowledging any anxiety you may be feeling in relation to John's swift departure. His presence at St Kevin's is already making an enormous difference in their community. I thank you and restate our complete support and commitment to the wellbeing and stability of your great College.

With deepest appreciation.

Wayne Tinsey
Executive Director
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