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## Rorthwood School

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

After completing an extensive interview process and having received official confirmation from the Department of Education, the Governing Body is delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr Paul Viljoen** as **Principal of Northwood School**.

*Mr* Viljoen is no stranger to Northwood School having filled the role of Deputy Principal, leaving our school in order to take up a role as Headmaster of Curro, Nelspruit, where he was later promoted to Executive Head, a position he has held with great success for the last 2 years. During his tenure at Curro, he has overseen a school of 1580 learners and 180 staff and has played an instrumental part in building this fledgling school into the successful and well respected position it now holds in the wider Nelspruit community.

Mr Viljoen has exceptional leadership attributes having gained tremendous experience in many areas of educational responsibility in his current position. Having worked across both the private and public /government education sectors in recent years, we firmly believe that Mr Viljoen's broad base of experience will see him taking our school into the future with the foresight and understanding necessary for a school of our growing stature in this community and beyond.

His outstanding organisational and managerial track record, together with his in-depth knowledge and focus on academic performance and assessment across all phases of education sets Mr Viljoen apart. Added to this, Mr Viljoen's ability to focus on learners as individuals requiring consistent nurturing and guidance augurs well for the future success of our Northwood brand. Strong abilities in the realms of curriculum knowledge, educational legislation and human resource management together with his expertise and experience in information technology, marketing, business and financial management ensures that Mr Viljoen brings a wide array of skills to his new position.

On a personal note, Paul is married to Wendy and they have two children, a daughter, Mieke and a son, Lihan

Paul is an avid lover of sport and its role in the development of boys at high school, remaining actively involved in coaching teams across various disciplines.

*Paul's qualifications include a BA Degree in Human Resources Management together with a BComm Degree, majoring in Economics and Management Science, both obtained from Stellenbosch University) and a Post Graduate Teaching Degree (Cum Laude) from the University of South Africa.* 

The Governing Body of Northwood congratulates Mr Paul Viljoen on his appointment and wishes him every success for the significant role he takes on in his journey ahead as Principal of Northwood.

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