

St. Michael's College School appoints new Principal

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St. Michael's College School and the Basilian Fathers are proud to announce the appointment of Mr. James McKinnon as the 30th principal in the school's 166-year history. Mr. McKinnon will assume the leadership role effective August 2019.

"St. Michael's College School and the Basilian Fathers are very pleased to welcome Jamie McKinnon to our community," says Fr. Andrew Leung, CSB, Interim President. "Jamie brings an outstanding background in Catholic education at the high school level along with a passion for developing collaborative contributors in our increasingly connected and global world."

Mr. McKinnon's background in education includes a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education from Queen's University, a Bachelor of Education from Western University, and a Master of Education from the University of Southern Queensland (Australia).

With 32 years of leadership in Catholic education, Mr. McKinnon has served in a variety of progressive high school leadership roles that have taken his career from Waterloo to Brantford to Bruce and Grey Counties, and now to Toronto.

“Over the course of my career, I have been blessed to work with many exemplary Catholic leaders in education,” says Mr. McKinnon. “I look forward to the opportunity to work with the St. Michael’s College School community in building on a tradition of excellence in teaching ‘Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge’ and taking the value, honour, and faith of that tradition into the future.”

From 1987-2003, Mr. McKinnon served the Waterloo Catholic District School Board as a teacher and Athletic Director, and from 2003-2012 he served as Principal of Resurrection and St. Benedict Catholic Secondary Schools.

In 2012, Mr. McKinnon was named Superintendent of Education for the Brant Haldiman Norfolk Catholic District School Board. During this three-year appointment, he focused on human resources development, and the creation of innovative programmes in robotics and other inquiry and experiential-based learning.

Mr. McKinnon was appointed Director of Education for the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board in 2015. For the last four years, his time has been spent on developing, monitoring, and implementing multi-year strategic plans. His portfolio as Director also focused on student achievement, incorporating technology, design thinking, global competencies, and exceeding the Catholic Graduate Expectations.