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Dear Board, Council, and members of the wider Burgmann community,

For everything has its season and the season of Burgmann College with Sally Renouf as its Principal is ending. Sally has resigned as Principal and her last working day is expected to be 31 January 2024.

Sally has rightly judged that the College is in good shape and ready to commence its next chapter and that the time is right for her to move on to something else.

I knew that this day would come, and I am sad for the College but pleased for Sally and very grateful for her 13-year association with the College, including 10 years as a member of staff. Sally has been a Residential Adviser, Dean of Undergraduate Residents, Deputy Principal and Principal. Along the way, Sally has established herself as a leader among her peers, not only at ANU, but among the Heads of Colleges across Australia and in doing so has raised the profile and eminence of Burgmann College.

Sally has also carefully guided the College through a most tumultuous period of its history which has included the threat of bushfires, hailstorm damage, a land dispute and resolution with the University and of course the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, the College is full, its culture is stronger and healthier than ever and it's looking forward to continuing the vibrant residential community life it is known for. There have also been a number of key projects and milestones achieved by Sally and her team. These include both major and minor construction and renovation projects, the response to the NOUS Report, and the development and gaining approval of the Service Quality Framework.

Sally also readily acknowledges that Burgmann College and its community has profoundly shaped her life as well. It is here that she met and married her husband and brought two beautiful children into the world and the Burgmann community! Sally is also very quick to acknowledge the support, dedication, and commitment of the staff and those around her have had on her life.

We will miss her, but we will also have time to say our farewells between now and January.

In the meantime, we will begin the process of selecting a worthy successor.

Best regards,

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Greg Mills Chair

