



Bellingen High School Community
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Dear Bellingen High School students, parents and community

You may be aware that a merit selection process was undertaken at the end of Term 2 to recruit a new principal for Bellingen High School. Unfortunately, the panel was unable to appoint a suitable candidate at that time.

However, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Samantha Gage has accepted my invitation to relieve in the principal position at Bellingen High School for the remainder of 2023.

Mrs Gage is substantively the Deputy Principal of Orara High School and has been relieving Deputy Principal at Bellingen High School in Term 2 2023. In that time, Mrs Gage has developed excellent relationships with parents, students and staff and she has a deep understanding of the school's strengths and areas for further development.

I am extremely confident that Mrs Gage will lead the school effectively through collaboration and consultation with students, staff, parents and the wider school community.

I want to publicly thank Mr Tim Laverty for relieving in the principal role at Bellingen High School over an extended period of time. Mr Laverty has made a significant contribution to the school in this time and will continue to do so when he returns to his Deputy Principal position.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me on 6656 6607.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sue Brown', followed by a period.

Sue Brown
Director, Educational Leadership
Mid Coast Valleys Principals Network
17 July 2023

