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New SACE Board Chief Executive

A principal with more than 20 years' teaching experience has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Board.

Minister for Education and Child Development Jennifer Rankine said Dr Neil McGoran brings to the role a strong understanding of the work of schools and teachers.

He most recently was the principal of Nazareth College – the largest Catholic school in SA.

Dr McGoran has previously served in leadership positions in schools in roles including deputy principal, senior education adviser and director of studies.

"Dr McGoran is a passionate educator, focused on improving outcomes for young people," Ms Rankine said. His PhD is in educational leadership.

"He is an experienced teacher and principal, as well as a highly qualified educational leader, and he will bring both of these elements to this role.

"Continuing to pursue excellence and equity for SACE students will be a priority for the Board and Dr McGoran is well-placed to lead this development.

"He will work with the school sectors and a range of stakeholders to deliver on the SACE Board's vision of student success.

"He will lead the Board's work in providing an internationally respected SACE that prepares all students to move successfully into further learning."

The Board oversees the SACE qualification for senior secondary school students.

The Chief Executive is responsible for the leadership and management of the board's policies, the provision of its curriculum, assessment, certification and reporting and leadership and management of the programs and staff

Other key responsibilities are to improve student access, participation, achievement and completion of the SACE.

Dr McGoran will take up the role of SACE Board Chief Executive on 28 October, taking over from Dr Paul Kilvert, who retired from the role in July.

Jan Raymond will continue as Acting Chief Executive in the meantime.