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***Dear Parents' & Friends',***

It is with tremendous sadness that I write to inform you that I will be stepping aside as Rector of Lindisfarne College at the end of 2009, having this week being chosen as the Headmaster of St. Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton.

The last nine years have been fantastic - the highlight so far of my career in education. It has been both extremely exciting and rewarding to have been able to help assist the school grow in size, stature and reputation. During my tenure as Rector I have enjoyed working with a forward thinking and supportive group of College Councillors, a hugely committed team of teachers and support staff and wonderfully well grounded, friendly and proud group of Lindisfarne parents, old boys and friends of the school.

The high points have been the growth of the boarding roll from 111 to 242, tremendous improvements in both day school and boarding facilities, the buzz the community got out of organising such a successful Global Boys' Schools conference and working with a great group of young men.

The Lindisfarne College community have been consistently welcoming and supportive of Judith, myself and our family, but we think it is the right time for our family to make the change. I have always thrived on challenges. St. Paul's Collegiate is going through a crucial and exciting phase in its history, very similar to that posed by the Lindisfarne of October 2000. Family has been a big consideration in this decision. The parents of both Judith and I, have experienced significant ill health recently and we strongly feel the need to be closer, so we can spend a greater amount of time with them.

We will always hold fantastic memories of our time in the Hawke's Bay. We look forward to having a chance over the next four months of passing on our personal thanks to many of you for the courtesy, kindness, loyalty and consideration you have shown us throughout the last nine years.

Yours sincerely,

GRANT LANDER,  
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*Dear Parents and Friends,*

One of the problems of having a top person in a top job at a top institution is that everybody else wants them as well. At present, we are paying the price. Grant Lander has accepted the offer to be Headmaster of St. Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton.

One of Grant and Judith's great attributes has been their loyalty to Lindisfarne. In the same vein, I know that it is their loyalty to their own family in Auckland and Tauranga that makes Hamilton so attractive to them. This is not the time nor the place for accolades, that will come later in term four.

They will be difficult to replace, but given our profile after the recent International Boys' Schools' conference, we anticipate a high level of interest from top calibre applicants. I know that Grant will thrive on the challenges of the new job so Lindisfarne will accept the challenge of change.

We wish Grant, Judith and their family well in their new adventure.

Yours sincerely,

DR. JOHN WAKEMAN,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE LINDISFARNE COLLEGE COUNCIL.