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"On behalf of the Wagga Wagga Diocese of which I am the former Apostolic Administrator, I would like to reiterate my previous apology for the processes that occurred around Mr Whelan's resignation. Mr Whelan is a highly regarded educator of long standing. The review found that Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW) failed to afford Mr Whelan procedural fairness in its dealings with him prior to his resignation. This was not fitting for a Principal of his experience."

"In addition, certain actions taken and statements made by former staff of CEDWW and others following Mr Whelan's resignation caused significant harm to Mr Whelan and should not have been made, and I would like to extend a further apology for these actions and statements."

"Mr Whelan is currently employed by Catholic Education Diocese of Armidale and continues to share his considerable experience with staff and students. I would like to acknowledge this ongoing commitment to Catholic Education and would like to thank Mr Whelan for working with me to bring the matters that occurred in 2019 at Kildare Catholic College to a close."

Mr Whelan responded, saying:

'I thank Archbishop Prowse for his apology on behalf of the Diocese and for his commitment to ensuring that Kildare Catholic College continues to be a strong and authentic Catholic school. Given I am not seeking a return to Kildare Catholic College, I also want to thank the Kildare community for the opportunity to be part of the Kildare story, and the wider Diocesan school community for the opportunity to be part of a bigger team doing great work for our students and families. I wish the Kildare community and CEDWW, and the new leadership of both, all the best in the coming years.'

Most Rev Christopher Prowse

Former Apostolic Administrator
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