

## **LEURA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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Dear 5/6 Acacia parents,

Mr Atkinson is your child's class teacher and he is also one of the Assistant Principals at our school. Through this role, he has a significant responsibility to lead and manage students and staff across Stage 3.

As an Assistant Principal, Mr Atkinson is expected to:

- draw strongly on knowledge of our students and how they learn;
- utilise deep subject area knowledge and substantial teaching knowledge to support selection of appropriate activities, and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of teaching strategies;
- use his expertise to lead the planning, implementation and evaluation of effective teaching and learning within the S3 group to optimise the growth of students;
- work collaboratively with staff to create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments across learning spaces;
- lead the ongoing improvement of teachers' practice by engaging them in professional learning using the teaching standards as an underpinning tool;
- support staff to engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community;
  and
- demonstrate exemplary ethical practice.

All this is in addition to the expectation that Mr Atkinson will continue to be an exemplary classroom teacher.

One way the school supports Mr Atkinson to meet these expectations, is through the provision of 'executive release'. This time will be one half day every week (Wednesday), when the class teaching program will be covered by Mrs Rachelle Devereaux, a dedicated and talented teacher who has worked at our school for the last four years. Mr Atkinson will use this release time to focus on developing and maintaining high quality teaching and learning practices at our school.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please make a time to speak with Mr Atkinson or contact me through the school office.

Yours in education,

Elise Berwick Principal