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Appointment of Odelle Howard as Executive Head of Roedeans School (SA)

Dear Roedeans Community,

On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Odelle Howard as Executive Head of Roedeans School (SA)**.

Odelle brings almost three decades of experience in education and senior leadership in South African independent schools, including those that offer boarding. She is a values-led, people-centred leader with a deep commitment to educational excellence, girls' education and building strong, healthy school communities.

The Board undertook an extensive search for a leader who could not only lead an excellent school, but who understood what Roedeans needs for its next chapter.

We believe we have found that person in Odelle.



She has considerable experience leading schools through periods of change: bringing stability, rebuilding trust, strengthening culture and turning strategy into action. She combines warmth and emotional intelligence with accountability and clear decision-making.

Importantly, she is an educator first. Odelle began her career teaching Physical Science and has never lost sight of the relationship at the heart of every good school:

the one between teacher and pupil. She believes academic ambition should sit alongside character, wellbeing, curiosity, courage and kindness.

She also understands that a great school is built by great teachers. Roedean is fortunate to have an extraordinarily committed and talented teaching body, and supporting, developing and retaining our teachers will be one of the most important priorities of her leadership.

Over the coming years, Roedean needs to build on everything that is already strong while restoring confidence in the Roedean brand; strengthening our leadership, systems and financial sustainability; deepening our sense of community; and preparing our girls for a world that will look very different from the one we know today.

Odelle brings the experience to do this but, perhaps more importantly, the instinct to bring people with her.

Her view of leadership is one of stewardship: respecting the history and values of an institution while having the courage to evolve it for the future.

There will be ample time for the Roedean community to get to know Odelle. For today, I simply want to say how pleased we are that she has chosen Roedean and how much we look forward to welcoming her on **1 May 2027**.



Nicky Fitzgerald
Chair of the Board
Roedean School (SA)

Odelle's fuller biography is attached for those who would like to know a little more about her experience and background.