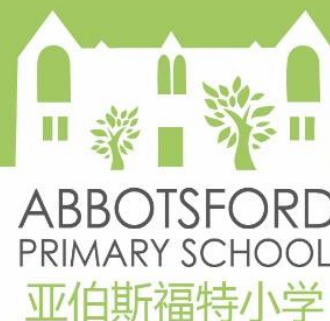


# Letter from the Principal



Wednesday, 2 November 2022

Dear APS Families,

Hope you had an enjoyable long weekend.

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to inform you of my decision to relinquish my principal position from Abbotsford Primary School from the start of the 2023 School Year (i.e. 27 January 2023).

Whilst I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of leading the school community through the pandemic and its recovery over the last 2+ years, I have also learnt along the way that my current position does not afford me a concentrated focus on my passion in bilingual education and my strengths in leading networks to advance the bilingual education agenda in this country.

Over the last 2+ years, I have enjoyed tremendous support from the school community in transforming many aspects of the school, from curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, reporting, to wellbeing, HR, finance, enrolments and facilities, just to name a few. I am confident that I am leaving APS in a better shape than I had found it, and it is now a school of choice for both families and ambitious bilingual educators who aspire to and will thrive on the challenge of principalship.

I received official approval from the Regional Director last Thursday for my relinquishment and the DET has confirmed that an Acting Principal will be appointed for Term 1, 2023. The Regional Office will begin a formal recruitment process for a new substantive principal with the APS School Council throughout Term 1, 2023, with the aim of having a new substantive principal to start in Term 2, 2023.

While the appointment process for an Acting Principal is beyond my control, you can be comforted that there is internal interest from the APS staff who are keen to support a smooth leadership transition with maximal stability for the school community. I will also be supporting the leadership transition throughout the initial months of 2023 in the capacity as a Leading Teacher, as required and requested by the new Acting Principal and APS School Council.

As you may appreciate, this has been far from being an easy decision, and is something that I have deliberated for much of 2022. In pursuit of my passion and a role that could better capitalise my strengths and expertise, at the start of 2023, I will be moving to Richmond High School as the Head of Languages and Bilingual Studies on a part-time basis.

I hope to expand the Chinese/English bilingual curriculum framework I started at APS and develop it into a full F-10 scope and sequence for our cluster, which of course, will benefit our future APS graduates. I will also continue to lead professional development activities for the national Intensive Chinese Network and contribute to the policy-level advocacy in the bilingual education space.

I appreciate the degree to which this decision may impact APS families. If you have any questions or concerns that the School Council and I can help by listening, addressing or mitigating, please feel free to come for a chat with me and/or representatives from the School Council at one of the Q&A sessions below:

- 10-11am on Friday, 4 November @ Gary (6/71 Victoria Crescent, Abbotsford)
- 10-11am on Monday, 14 November @ Gary (6/71 Victoria Crescent, Abbotsford)
- 10-11am on Friday, 18 November @ Webex (<https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/wang.stanley.y>)

Of course, don't forget that the School Council also has an email address via which you can access the School Council without going through me or APS staff: [schoolcouncil@abbotsfordps.vic.edu.au](mailto:schoolcouncil@abbotsfordps.vic.edu.au)

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# Letter from the Principal



Thanks for your support and understanding, as always.

There are still more than 6 weeks to go, and I am still looking forward to ending the term/year on a high, so please don't be a stranger.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stanley Wang', is located below the 'Best regards,' text.

**Stanley Wang**  
Principal