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Media Release

Somerville House Foundation Limited Response to request for comment by Beyond PMSA

The Somerville House Foundation (Foundation) welcomes the statement made earlier today by the Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association's (PMSA) and Somerville House's former Principal, Ms Florence Kearney.

Foundation Chair, Ms Dominique Layt stated:

“The Foundation enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Ms Kearney during her tenure in the role, which included working together on successful major capital projects as part of Somerville House's strategic plan. The Foundation was saddened by the resignation of Ms Kearney in 2017, and her early departure prior to the end of 2017.

We note, with admiration, Ms Kearney as a role model of the School's motto “Honour before Honours” during, and after the events which lead to her resignation and departure from the School.

The Foundation wishes Ms Kearney the very best in her future and congratulates her on her appointment to Head of College and CEO of the Women's College within the University of Queensland where we know she will continue to be a powerful role model for women and girls during their formative years of education.”

Somerville House Foundation Priorities:

As a tax-deductible fundraising vehicle, our Foundation partners with the School to deliver programs and projects that have a lasting and personal impact on the educational journey of Somerville House students. It does so through raising and managing funds via appeals, events and initiatives to support scholarships and bursaries, and assist the School with its present and future development priorities.

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