

New Master For RMC

Dr Robert Mackay, Chair of Robert Menzies College Board has announced the appointment of Professor Christopher Bellenger as the next Master of Robert Menzies College. He will succeed Dr Stuart Piggin and his appointment will commence in January 2005.



"It is with great pleasure that the Board announces Professor Bellenger's appointment as the new Master of our College," Dr Mackay said. "He is a noted academic in his field of research and an experienced University administrator. He is also a committed Christian who brings his deep appreciation of Christian values and ethics into his daily work and personal relationships."

"I am confident that the students and staff will benefit significantly from his leadership of the College, and that Macquarie University will also benefit from his contribution," Dr Mackay said.

Professor Bellenger in expressing his pleasure at the appointment said "Jan and I are looking forward to living in the College with the students and staff. We are glad to identify with the College's witness to the Lord Jesus Christ".

In a distinguished academic career at the University of Sydney, Professor Bellenger was appointed Head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences in 1988 and since 1995 served as the Head of the Department of Veterinary Surgery at University College Dublin, Ireland.

Professor Bellenger is highly regarded within the Anglican Church. He has had a long association with university student Christian ministry in Australia and internationally.

Chris is married to Jan, who is a school teacher in the field of special education. They have four adult children and three grandchildren (as at August 2007). As a team Chris and Jan will contribute greatly to the life of the College. Chris's interests include gardening, opera, travel and the spectator sports of tennis and rugby.

The College community warmly welcomes Chris and Jan and looks forward to a rewarding association.