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Teach for Australia educators to join John Paul College Kalgoorlie

Three teachers training in the intensive Teach for Australia program are set to join the staff of John Paul College in Kalgoorlie, promising to bring outstanding educational and leadership skills to the College in the Goldfields region.

Phoebe Berndt, Bridget Staude and Cameron Halvorson will take their experience and talent from non-teaching fields and apply it to the classroom while training with Teach for Australia, an organisation that recruits and equips highly capable and passionate individuals as qualified teachers.

Phoebe is an Honours graduate with a degree in Psychology, Bridget has a BA majoring in Political Science and International Relations, and Cameron is an Honours graduate with a Bachelor of Science, as well as student leadership experience at the University of Western Australia.

John Paul College Principal Bradley Hall said the new recruits had demonstrated their ability as leaders and educators through the training process as well meetings with himself and senior school staff at the College.

"We are very excited to welcome our new staff, and I am confident that they will make a valuable and unique contribution to our College, as well as the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community," Principal Hall said.

The Teach for Australia initiative aims to attract exceptional individuals to education and improve educational outcomes for students from a range of socio-economic environments, at schools both metropolitan and regional. The training begins with a six-week intensive course for participants (or 'Associates'), and then puts them to work in classrooms while they complete their study and attain a Master of Education (Secondary) degree.

The new staff members will have the opportunity to put their proven academic excellence and expertise in their areas of study to good use as they guide the learning of John Paul College students in Science, English, Religion and Society and Environment.

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