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Director Retirement

NextEd Group Limited (ASX: NXD), one of Australia's leading providers of tertiary education services to international and domestic students, today announces the retirement of William Deane from its Board of Directors effective 30 April 2026.

The Board sincerely thanks Will for his 15 years of dedication and contribution to NextEd and its predecessor companies, including RedHill Education which he co-founded in 2006 and shepherded through its IPO in 2010. Over his tenure as Non-Executive Director, Will oversaw the growth from a single campus serving 100 students into one of Australia's leading private education providers, educating servicing more than 20,000 students 8 campuses and 12 recruitment offices around the world.

More recently, Will was instrumental in rebuilding NextEd's leadership team, securing the International House student cohort, and fortifying the company's position through a period of significant industry-wide disruption.

Sandra Hook, Chair of NextEd, said:

"Will brought to this Board a rare combination of entrepreneurial experience and governance discipline and, over his long tenure, has played a significant role in shaping & strengthening the business. More recently, over the past 18 months, as the sector navigated significant headwinds, he has helped further position NextEd well for future growth. Will has been an excellent director, considered and genuinely committed to the long-term interests of this business. He leaves with our sincere thanks and we wish him well in everything that follows."

Following Will's retirement, the NextEd Board will consist of Sandra Hook (Chair), Simon Tolhurst, Angus Johnson and Jack Campbell, with Jack Campbell assuming the Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee. The Board will commence a search in due course for an additional independent non-executive director to complement the skills and experience of the existing Board and will provide a further update to the market.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of NextEd Group Limited.

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About NextEd Group

NextEd Group is one of Australia's largest listed private education providers, delivering high-quality learning experiences with a national campus network across Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney, and recruitment offices worldwide. NextEd offers courses across the English Language, Vocational, and Higher Education sectors. Our programs span industries including business, technology, design, hospitality, health, and community services. Committed to unleashing potential through inspiring learning and experiences, NextEd empowers students with the skills and knowledge to achieve their career and personal ambitions.