James Hooke has been officially announced as Deputy Principal of Tocal College. James has been acting in the position during 2015 and his appointment has been recently confirmed.

“James brings to the position an excellent knowledge of agriculture, farming and education. Dr Cameron Archer, Tocal College Principal said.

“He is a graduate of the University of New England and has spent a significant period on the family dairy farm at Dungog. He initially worked at Tocal during 1992 as coordinator of the Dairy Training program. After another period farming he later re-joined the College, again coordinating the dairy and rural traineeship programs. James has excellent rapport with students and is highly regarded by staff”. Dr Archer said.

He is a popular choice for the position and his ability to work with adolescents and assist them through their studies and period at Tocal is an extremely valuable attribute in his role as Deputy Principal.

The Deputy Principal of the College runs all of the youth education programs including responsibility for all residential students. The Deputy Principal works closely with the College Duty Officers and other staff to make sure the student community operates smoothly and is a safe and pleasant environment in which to live and learn.

“I look forward to the challenges of the role of Deputy Principal and I have been enjoying the job to date. I value my association with students and get great satisfaction through seeing them grow and develop during their period at Tocal”. Mr Hooke said.

The Deputy Principal position was previously filled by Bill Kinsey who served the College with distinction for 27 years.

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