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DR VALLANCE TO HEAD UP STATE LIBRARY

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin today announced Dr John Vallance as the new State Librarian and Chief Executive.

Dr Vallance will be familiar to many as the headmaster at Sydney Grammar School for seventeen years. He is currently Honorary Professor for the Public Understanding of the Humanities at the University of New South Wales.

Minister Harwin said “Dr Vallance brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as a highly-regarded educator and academic to the State Library.”

“The appointment will help the State Library in its vision to be a global cultural destination for all and a world leading library that is relevant, collaborative, and accessible.”

Dr Vallance, a Cambridge graduate, also holds Directorships with the National Art School and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

“Dr Vallance’s appointment will be an incredible asset to the State Library team and its commitment to excellence”, Minister Harwin said.

Library Council President, The Hon George Souris said “Dr Vallance brings scholastic achievement and a wealth of experience in major building programs, and in cultural growth. I expect the State Library to flourish with the benefit of his expertise.

“Dr Vallance’s leadership, independent thinking and advocacy for high-quality, internationally competitive education has been influential.”

Dr Vallance has championed Asian and Indigenous cultural knowledge in education, seeking to broaden the world view of students and teachers. He has served as a member of the Library Council of NSW and as a Trustee of the State Library Foundation.

Dr Vallance will take up the post on 28 August 2017, replacing current Acting State Librarian Lucy Milne who will continue in the role of Deputy Chief Executive.

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