GOVT TO SHIFT COLLEGE HEAD

Surprise move by department

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Months of speculation about the future of Darwin Community College principal, Dr Joe Flint, ended today with a surprise announcement that he will be the new Territory deputy secretary of education.

It is well-known the college has suffered a leadership crisis for the past few years and there has been a great deal of unrest among the staff.

The announcement of Dr Flint's new position came today after strong rumors circulated yesterday.

The same rumors had the vice-chancellor of the University Planning Authority, Dr Tim Eddle, and the college's deputy principal, Mr John Butler, favorites to move into the principal's office.

But Dr Eddle laughed when the suggestion was put to him this morning.

Another name mentioned was former education secretary, Mr Ray Saville, new Primary Production Secretary.

Education Minister, Mr Tom Harris, said Dr Flint would be responsible for policy, planning and services.