



3 Schools – One Community

Thursday 11th June, 2009

Dear Parents and students,

As you know, our three schools have made a decision to form two schools, one primary and one secondary on one site.

This decision has been supported by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD).

We are confident that this decision will form the basis of an excellent future. In earlier letters we outlined to you the process that would be used to determine which would be the best site to be the site for two separate schools, one that also ensured easy access to transport and accessibility for community groups.

At a meeting last week the DEECD Northern Metropolitan Regional Director Mr. Wayne Craig, briefed the Principals and the three Presidents of each of the School Councils. He outlined the rigorous process undertaken by independent experts to determine the appropriate site. The recommendation to the Regional Director was that the most appropriate site was on Merrilands Rd, the site of the current Merrilands P-12 College.

This will be the site that will become the site for the two new schools, one Primary, one Secondary to be built to provide an excellent education for young people into the 21st Century.

Now that this decision is made there is a lot to do but we are well on the road to an excellent future. We move into the next stage of making sure everyone in our community has the opportunity to shape the future of the new schools. In early term 3 the three Councils will meet and discuss the vision for the new schools.

This developing vision will be shared within the community for consultation. There will be a series of consultations with parents about the buildings so that the community has a clear sense of what we are planning and has a chance to have a genuine input.

There will also be working parties set up to plan the new programs for the new schools. Look for the dates of meetings in early Term 3 and please take the opportunity to be involved as we shape the next twenty years together.

In the meantime if you have any questions please contact us.

Regards,

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