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Mr Justin Naylor

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Dear Mr Naylor

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Hon. Martin Dixon, MP, Minister for Education, regarding secondary education in the City of Yarra. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I am pleased to inform you that the Regional Director, North-Western Victoria Region, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, has decided to extend the variation to the neighbourhood school policy for another year. This means that families living in Richmond with a child in Year 6 and for whom Collingwood College is their neighbourhood school are able to choose to send their child to Collingwood College, Fitzroy High School, or Princes Hill Secondary College, or in the case of a girl – Melbourne Girls College in 2014.

The arrangements do not apply to families for whom Hawthorn Secondary College is the family's neighbourhood school.

A decision about any variation to the neighbourhood school policy in Richmond in 2015 will be informed by the findings of the review of education provision currently underway in the Prahran area.

If you would like further information, you may contact Mr John Roberts, Senior Project Officer, North-Western Victoria Region, on 9488 9488, or by email: <a href="mailto:roberts.john.m2@edumail.vic.gov.au">roberts.john.m2@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>.

Thank you for your commitment to education.

Yours sincerely

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