

EDUCATION & FAMILIES IN RICHMOND

“News Flash”

Dear parents and families

Recently we have won two significant commitments from the Government:

1. A review of secondary school provision for boys in the inner-city, if the Labor Government is re-elected
2. Extended school entry arrangements will apply for Richmond families until a decision is made on the outcomes of that review. In essence, Richmond families will be able to send their children to Collingwood College, Fitzroy High School, Princes Hill Secondary College, Albert Park College (opening as a brand new school in 2011), Hawthorn Secondary College and, in the case of girls, Melbourne Girls' College.

This is set out in the attached letter from the Minister for Education.

This has been achieved through campaigning by the local community and the support of our local MP, Richard Wynne.

It is hoped that the review, to be conducted next year, will deliver positive outcomes for inner-city families and redress imbalances facing boys and those seeking co-educational options. Furthermore, the extended entry options should ease pressures on families and are a hard fought outcome.

If you are parents of children in Richmond or the inner city, you need to get involved in this issue now, join the mailing list at:

<http://www.richmondhighschoolchoices.org>

If you require more information contact Tom Rowan on behalf of our group on 0405 507 143.

Thanks for your interest.

“Richmond High School Choices”



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Dear Mr Rowan

Further to your discussions with my parliamentary colleague Richard Wynne MP, Member for Richmond, I would like to confirm the following secondary school options for families living in Richmond.

A re-elected Brumby Labor Government will review secondary school provision for boys in the inner-city to ensure there are adequate educational options in the area. The review will:

- be independent;
- evaluate existing secondary school options for boys and highlight if there are any gaps, taking into consideration projected demographic changes;
- not impact on the operation of Melbourne High School;
- be genuine, participatory, consultative, well-resourced and inclusive of parents as key stakeholders.

The Victorian Government has a responsibility to ensure a place is available in a government school for every child who requires one. To increase the secondary education options for families who live in Richmond and for whom Collingwood College is their nearest government secondary school, since 2007 these families have been able to send their child to Collingwood College, Fitzroy High School, Princes Hill Secondary College or, in the case of girls, Melbourne Girls' College in Year 7. I can confirm that these arrangements will apply until there is an outcome from the review and a subsequent decision by Government.

Families in Richmond may also enrol their child at Albert Park College (opening in 2011 with a Year 7 intake) and Hawthorn Secondary College subject to enrolment space.

If you require further information please contact Ms Krys Hendrickson, Assistant Regional Director, Operations, Northern Metropolitan Region, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, on 9488 9488.

Yours sincerely

Hon Bronwyn Pike MP
Minister for Education
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