

Motion for consideration by Council on 20/8/12

Background to motion

Over this year there has been substantial reflection and consideration of the best means to promote and strengthen public education in the broader Sandringham District

This has engaged hundreds of parents, staff, students and community members in meetings, discussions, written submissions and feedback.

Motion for consideration

After an extensive process of community consultation, research and discussion the Sandringham College Council considers that the best means of strengthening the capacity of the current Sandringham College configuration and Curriculum; and its long term effective contribution to the growth of public education, is to request of the Minister for Education, agreement in principle to the following position

1. That the Minister for Education endorses in principle the disaggregation of the current Sandringham College into two new schools
2. That the Minister for Education agrees in principle to the establishment of two separate, stand-alone schools.

That these schools be comprised as follows

- Sandringham College comprised of the current site at Holloway Road and the current site at Bluff Road
 - This school would provide a 7-12 curriculum programme.
 - -Beumaris Secondary College (*name to be confirmed through community consultation) sited at Balcombe Road Beumaris.
 - This school would provide programmes for years 7-12.
3. The Council requests that the Minister for Education endorses the position in principle so that the two new schools would come into existence no later than the 1/1/2014.

Next stages and understandings

The Sandringham College Council in requesting endorsement of the above set of arrangements and timetable, in principle also requests the Minister to endorse the following understandings and processes for the above aims to be realised.

1 That there will be a publically signed and available Memorandum of Understanding between Beaumaris College* and Sandringham College that will ensure cooperation, planning and organisational strategies that will enable students in the area access to the widest possible range of educational programmes.

That the Councils of each school will work closely with each other through regular meetings of key leaders, including Presidents, and will promote the ongoing wide range of educational programmes of each of Beaumaris College* and Sandringham College in the local area and to other schools.

That the Principals and leadership teams of each of the proposed Colleges will meet regularly to ensure that opportunities for young people are maximised.

2 That the Minister notes that the finer details to realise this aim of disaggregation, including the shape/ construct of the 7-12 at Beaumaris Secondary College*, and the nature of the relationship between the two campuses of the projected Sandringham College, will be presented to the Minister no later than the 31/3/13.

These plans will be derived from further public discussion auspiced by the current College Council at, and between both proposed schools. It is envisaged that this timeline will enable the Minister time to consider/agree to the details. It will also enable the two proposed Colleges to move through the stages of working with their respective communities, to establish Interim Councils and appoint a leadership team for both schools

Moved

Seconded

*Name for Beaumaris to be confirmed through community and school consultation processes