

24 June 2016

Re: New School Funding

We have been in contact with both Harriet Shing and Danny O'Brien regarding the urgent need for additional funding to be allocated to enable the new school to be built as planned.

Danny has spoken with the Minister for Education, James Merlino. The Minister has committed that the school will be built in full, we will not be left without a building. *However how that will happen is yet to be confirmed.*

Danny has reiterated that we do not want the school to be built in stages; we want the school to be built as planned in one stage.

The Gippsland Times, WIN News and the local ABC have all taken up the story and will follow up if there are any further announcements over the holiday break.

Melbcon, the builders, have asked me to let the school community know they now have control of the site. It is not our land yet and as such we are not allowed to enter the site without the permission of the site foreman.

We hope for positive news over the school break.

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Re: New Sale Specialist School build: 333 Princes Highway

We have been notified that contracts to build the new school have been signed. Security fencing is in place and the builders, Melbcon, are preparing to start work.

The project has come in at **\$1.5 million over budget**. The architects were directed to work with the school and after much discussion; we were disappointingly left with no other option but to remove the entire Building D from the scope of works for the project to come in on budget, so construction could commence.

If additional money is allocated then the building can be included.

Members of the facilities branch of the Department of Education and Training have been working to secure additional funding and a briefing has been sent to the minister's office. We are hoping that the additional funding will be allocated as we do not want to reduce the scope of the project by eliminating a building from project.

There is an urgent need for the government to commit the outstanding funds, an additional \$1.5million, required to complete the project to schedule as originally planned.

Turning of the First Sod Wednesday 24th August



Students, members of the New School Parent Action Group, staff, local politicians, architects and many others celebrated the turning of the first Sod for the New Sale Specialist School at 333 Princes Highway Sale

Wednesday 14th September 2016



There was great excitement as we noticed the crane onsite. Framework was lifted into place for building C, the Middle Years Homestead.



There will be even more framework up by the end of the school holidays.