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Dear Judith

Thank you for meeting with Fran and myself on Monday 19 September 2011. I appreciated your advice and thank for your active leadership of the Stanmore Public School Community. The proposed redrawing of the designated local intake areas for Newtown High School of Performing Arts and Marrickville High School will attract a range of views. I appreciated your openness and willingness to consult on the proposal. Below I have provided some background to the proposal and Marrickville High School has provided details on its context, programs and current performance on key indicators.

**BACKGROUND:**

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts caters for gifted and talented students in the areas of dance, drama and music and related areas such as technical aspects of the performing arts, visual arts and creative writing. It is also a local secondary school for students residing within the school's designated intake area.

Changes in demographic patterns at Newtown High of the Performing Arts have led to a substantial increase in enrolments from students residing in the schools local designated intake area.

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is located on a constrained site of 3.75 hectares. Utilisation of general learning spaces and specialist performance learning spaces is at 102 per cent with limited capacity for additional demountable accommodation.

The enrolment ceiling based on permanent accommodation is 932 students.

The enrolment at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts for 2011 is 958 students and the anticipated enrolment for 2012 is 980 students. Asset Management Directorate data predicts an enrolment of 1170 students in 2014.

The increasing enrolment demand from local students has placed substantial pressure on school accommodation and, in particular, on specialist performance spaces as many of the students from the local area elect to study performing arts subjects and participate in the wide array of co-curricula performing arts programs.

Asset Management Directorate advise that the redrawing of designated intake areas is a mechanism to relieve enrolment pressure on a school which has site constraints and is moving through an enrolment growth phase.

Redirecting students residing in the identified areas will reduce the local enrolment pressure on Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and allow the school to maintain the performance culture essential to its creative and performing capacity.

It is proposed to reduce the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts local intake area by including the geographical areas shaded in yellow on the map (Tab A) to Marrickville High School from the beginning of the 2013 school year.

In addition, a small section of the Stanmore Public School local intake area is already in the Marrickville High School local intake area.

Marrickville High School is located on a large site, has 45% classroom utilisation with large playing fields and playground space.

A map of the proposed designated intake area for Marrickville High School is located at Tab B. The proposed area is shaded in green.

Below are further details on Marrickville High School's context, programs and current performance on key indicators. I would encourage you to make these details below available to your parent community and I happy to help arrange parents to visits to Marrickville High School. I am also happy to receive any feedback on the proposal.

can Please feel free to contact me at Bond Office on 92986900 if I  
be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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