Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know that the Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier MLC, has announced an $18.77 million expansion of our school that will increase our permanent capacity from 1225 students to 1525 students. Building is expected to start in 2018 and be completed in 2020.

The brand new state of the art facilities will include general and specialist classrooms to accommodate an additional 300 students. The new facilities will provide the capacity for us to host a new Gifted and Talented Education Program, focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) education for students that will commence in 2020. This is a particularly exciting opportunity.

Another part of the State Government’s announcement that may affect families at our school is a change to the optional local intake area which provides an entitlement for students to attend either Carine Senior High School or Churchlands Senior High School. From 2024, students within this area will have an entitlement to only enrol at our school.

Students enrolled at their local secondary school in 2023 will be able to complete their schooling at that school. Younger siblings of these students will be able to commence their secondary schooling at that school as long as the older sibling is also enrolled. Once commenced, siblings will be able to complete their schooling at that school.

These announcements are part of a plan to address the significant growth in enrolments in secondary schools in the western suburbs. Also announced is the establishment of a new secondary school to be built on the former City Beach High School site. The new school will open for Year 7 students in 2020 and expand to Year 12 students by 2025.

In addition to our school, new facilities have started to be built at Shenton College and Churchlands Senior High School.

I have attached a factsheet with more details of all these changes and I encourage you to find out more about the western suburbs secondary schooling plan at education.wa.edu.au.

This is an exciting development for our school community and I will keep you informed of the changes as they occur. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or would like to discuss how these changes benefit your children, please contact me during Term 4.

Yours sincerely

DAMIAN SHUTTLEWORTH
PRINCIPAL

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