To: The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MLC, NSW Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

The Hon. John Barilaro, MP, Member for Monaro

Ms Georgina Harrison, Secretary, NSW Department of Education

Mr Anthony Manning, Chief Executive of School Infrastructure NSW

**Progress and clarity on Jerrabomberra’s new high school**

The Jerrabomberra Public School P&C write to ask for an update on the development of the new high school in Jerrabomberra please.

A summary of released information identifies several questions regarding the funding, student numbers, zoning, opening date, location, and shortfall of available information about Jerrabomberra’s new high school, particularly when compared to other new schools and the local primary school:

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| **Region/**  **school** | **Jerrabomberra’s**  **existing primary** | **Jerrabomberra’s**  **new high school** | **Googong’s**  **new primary school** | **Bungendore’s**  **new high school** | **Jindabyne’s  new education campus  (K - 12)** |
| **Recent state funding announcement [[1]](#footnote-1)** | - | **$25.9m** | $31.3m | $34.7m | $40.1m |
| **Student numbers** | 959 | **500 [[2]](#footnote-2)** | 700[[3]](#footnote-3) | 400[[4]](#footnote-4) | 700+ |
| **Enrolment and zoning** | Open to  the Park &  the Heights[[5]](#footnote-5) | **Not announced** | Not announced | Not announced | Not announced |
| **Opening 2023 Day 1, Term 1** | - | **Yes [[6]](#footnote-6)** | Yes[[7]](#footnote-7) | Yes[[8]](#footnote-8) | Yes [[9]](#footnote-9) |
| **Location** | Coachwood Ave | **Not announced** | Gorman Drive | Majara/  Gibraltar Streets Precinct | Office of Sport and Recreation site |
| **Population [[10]](#footnote-10)** | 9,429 | **9,429** | 5,344 | 4,403 | 4,333 [[11]](#footnote-11) |

Information is sought to provide clarity to the community in Jerrabomberra – as well as Googong and Queanbeyan – in relation to Jerrabomberra’s new high school and what it means for their family and their children’s schooling.

The Jerrabomberra PS P&C seek a written response with answers to the following questions please.

1. The location for each school in Bungendore, Googong and Jindabyne are announced, and all new schools listed in the table are scheduled to open 27 January 2023? What’s the delay in announcing Jerrabomberra’s location and when will it be announced?
2. Of the regions listed in the table, Jerrabomberra has the largest population, and a primary school with 950+ students. Yet, Jerrabomberra’s new high school is only being funded and built for 500. Why so small?
3. With Jerrabomberra’s new high school’s capacity set at half that of the primary school, will both Jerrabomberra Heights and Googong be zoned to Karabar high school, and Jerrabomberra Park be zoned to Jerrabomberra’s new high school (essentially cutting Jerrabomberra in half down Edwin Land Parkway)?
4. Is the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) underway and when will community and stakeholder consultation on the proposal take place? Has the project team lodged a request for the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)?
5. There are far more factsheets, project updates, FAQs and information boards on [Bungendore](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/new-high-school-in-bungendore.html), [Googong](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/New-primary-school-in-Googong.html#library-tab), and [Jindabyne](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/j/jindabyne-education-campus.html#about-project-tab), than [Jerrabomberra](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/new-high-school-in-jerrabomberra.html). Could more factsheets on Jerrabomberra be released please?

Thank you for your reply to our 16 May 2021 letter confirming the school will open on day one, term one, 2023.

The Jerrabomberra Public School P&C will post a copy of this letter to our Facebook page on   
22 July 2021, we would like to post a copy of your reply along with it.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Prescott

Ms Kylie Prescott

PRESIDENT

Jerrabomberra Public School P&C

17 July 2021

Cc: Ms Kristy McBain, MP, Member for Eden Monaro

Ms Prue Car, Shadow Minister for Education

Cr Tim Overall, Mayor, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

Mr Kenrick Winchester, Councillor for the Southern & Central Tablelands, NSW P&C Federation

Ms Chris Hunter, Principal, Jerrabomberra Public School

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