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Growth of the School

Dear friends and families of Hume Anglican Grammar,

We are very happy to inform you of a major project to grow and strengthen our School through the establishment of a new Primary School campus.

Background

As you know, the School has experienced impressive growth and has seen many exciting developments over the years. Our history is one of which we are very proud. In 2008, fewer than 40 students and a handful of staff embarked upon a journey that 13 years later sees 1,640 students and 160 staff at two campuses. The good news is that this trend continues, and the future of Hume Anglican Grammar is indeed bright.

Whilst the growth in student numbers is impressive, so too has been the development of the educational facilities at both the Mt Ridley and Donnybrook campuses. Recently, the school released its ten-year masterplan detailing the scheduled construction projects to come. At Mt Ridley, it has been exciting to watch the progress of two major projects totalling over \$10 million - the STEM and the Sports Centres. We are pleased to report the completion of STEM is now in its last week, and Sports will be ready in Term 4. At Donnybrook, construction of the new \$6.25 million Year 5/6 Centre has commenced along with a soccer pitch and playgrounds. Further works on these campuses will be undertaken as the school continues to prosper.

Growth

For every student who finds a place at Hume, there are others who do not. The rapid growth of our local area, plus the strong desire of families to join a school such as ours, means that waiting lists exist and continue to grow at most year levels. Much of this interest is at the primary years.

In planning for Hume's longer-term future, the School's governing board has for some time been reviewing expansion opportunities including through the establishment of a new site, or campus for school operations. For over a year, the School has been engaged in discussions with a well-known residential development company with the aim of establishing a third campus for Hume within a residential community in close vicinity to the Mt Ridley and Donnybrook campuses.

New campus

We are now at a point where we can announce that a parcel of land has been secured for Hume in the residential development of Cloverton off Donnybrook Road. We are proceeding with plans for the establishment of a Primary school campus of Hume Anglican Grammar, with doors opening to students for the start of the 2023 academic year on this site. The campus will be developed in stages, with early primary years offered from the start and roll out of the upper years through to Year 6 thereafter.

Further, as we are fortunate to have space available at the Donnybrook campus, families will be provided with the opportunity to enrol their children to commence next year at Donnybrook, and then transfer to the new site in 2023. There is a limited number of places available, and the year levels that will run will be determined by interest. The enrolments department will be reaching out to families in the coming days seeking interest.

The two existing campuses and the new campus will operate alongside one another as parts of a single school. There will be one school on three sites.

Benefits

The Donnybrook campus, which opened just over two years ago, has been a wonderful success. Indeed, the growth has exceeded expectations and enrolment interest from the local area continues to be strong. A third campus will enable us to offer places to more families who wish for an education at Hume Anglican Grammar. It will allow the School to grow beyond its current limits by replicating the 'Hume educational experience' at another location nearby.

The site that has been chosen is appealing for many reasons. It is approximately equidistant between the other two campuses, and as a Primary school it will feed into the Mt Ridley and Donnybrook Secondary schools. Upon completing their primary schooling, the Year 6 students will be transitioned to either campus to embark upon their secondary schooling. The graduating cohort from all three campuses will have equal access to secondary schooling at Mt Ridley or Donnybrook.

The residential estate of Cloverton by Stockland, is very well established and has already many hundreds of homes and some thousands of residents. The largest masterplanned community in Victoria, it will have ultimately over 11,000 households. Besides its numerous residential estates across Australia, Stockland is also responsible for Highlands close to Mt Ridley. The 3-hectare site is centrally located within the Cloverton estate adjacent to a public park and close to other community amenities. The new campus will cater for the immediate surrounding community as well as families who commute from greater distances.

Looking ahead

The opening of the new campus is under two years away, and during this time the board and senior staff will be proceeding with preparations, including for the construction of the first buildings in 2022. We will keep the school community informed as planning for the new campus takes shape.

In the meantime, we can assure you that the School's governing board and management remain committed to full development of the Mt Ridley and Donnybrook campuses, including new buildings and facilities as planned. For information on the upcoming developments and for more about the masterplan see <https://www.humegrammar.vic.edu.au/community/building-brighter-futures> We are very excited by the opportunities the new campus will offer as we work to bring about an even richer educational experience for all our students.

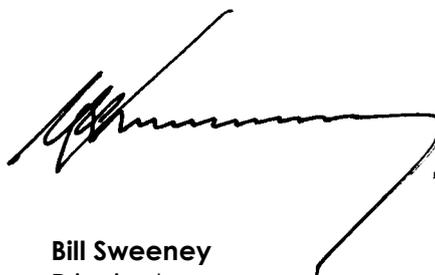
We are fortunate in this enterprise to have behind us the ongoing interest and support of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

Attached to this letter, please find a Frequently Asked Questions sheet that will answer many of the queries you may have regarding the establishment of this new campus.

Yours sincerely



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