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Dear Parents / Caregivers of Brighton Secondary School,

Brighton Secondary School's strong academic focus and history of academic achievement has made us a popular school of choice for families. We have also experienced growing demand for our valued special interest programs from families living outside the zone.

The interest in our school and its offerings has resulted in a high proportion of both in and out of zone enrolments. In particular, the past two years have led to year 8 enrolment that places the school under enrolment pressure.

It is important that families living within the zone can access our school, and that we are able to provide optimal learning environments for our students and staff. This relies on class sizes and learning spaces that are conducive to innovative learning opportunities. We are therefore unable to sustain the number of out of zone enrolments at Brighton Secondary School into the future.

We have been working with the Department for Education to develop a Capacity Management Plan (CMP), to ensure we have adequate space for our future in-zone enrolments. This will also allow us to maintain a sustainable number of out of zone applicants into our special interest programs.

For our school, a CMP will limit the number of out of zone students we accept at year 8 and provide limitations at other year levels to ensure the school can continue to innovate and grow our practice and programs to meet the current and future needs of young people.

The CMP was formalised this afternoon and will apply immediately to all late applicants who move into the school zone, or missed the transition process. Please note that all families who applied and were successful through the year 7 to 8 statewide transition process, will continue to be offered their place. [RM1]

We are also in the process of planning for our \$13.8m capital works project which will increase our capacity by 100 places to create space for year 7 students who we will welcome in 2022. Maintaining the wellbeing of our community is paramount and we are ensuring that any plans to increase our capacity does not compromise our outdoor spaces.

I look forward to sharing further information with you.



Tony Lunniss

Principal

Brighton Secondary School