Dear Parent/Caregiver, students and friends of Norwood-Morialta High School

Re: Proposed Magill Education Precinct

On behalf of the NMHS Governing Council and staff we wish to provide you with preliminary information about the proposed Magill Education Precinct. As you may be aware the State Government and the University of South Australia have been collaborating to undertake a feasibility study into the viability of a Birth -12 school at the UniSA Magill Campus that may involve Norwood-Morialta High School. The general shared vision for this proposed Precinct is to bring together school, early childhood services and special education, along with teacher training and research in education and child development.

In 2014 the State Government and UniSA engaged consultants Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd to develop an initial proposed Master Plan for the Magill Education Precinct. As part of this process this organisation consulted with education experts and key stakeholders (including local school principals, pre-school directors, DECD and UniSA) to develop an agreed vision and proposed guiding principles for the precinct concept. The next phase of this long process will be to continue the consultation process with schools to develop a more detailed master plan and then an analysis of the viability of a concept for consideration by UniSA and the State Government.

This term our school established a small task group, consisting of four staff members and four Governing Council parent representatives, to engage in these stakeholder consultation meetings and to determine if it is indeed in the best interest for our school to be involved in this long-term project. As a group we will ensure our school’s vision and interests are presented, upheld and valued as the precinct concept evolves. As we learn more about the proposed project, the potential educational opportunities and impact on our school community, we will organise a community forum to share the details and engage in community consultation.

In the meantime we wish to reassure our school community that the task group and Governing Council members have not made a commitment to engage in this proposed long-term project and will continue to participate in discussions with key DECD and UniSA representatives and seek valued community feedback to make an informed decision about our involvement in the next stage. We also acknowledge that this proposed project is unlikely to impact on current students and learning programs.

Please contact the school on 8364 2299 should you wish to discuss this proposed project further or alternatively email comments to dl.0787.theprincipal@schools.sa.edu.au for consideration by the task group.

Yours in education

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