



Making Progress on High Street – An Exciting Tour

As I toured the school site last week I was blown away by the progress that the builders have made. As spaces and rooms take shape, I'm really able to visualise what learning will be like for our students in their new school. It really is a new school building site that is changing day-by-day.

After some weeks, it was so exciting being there again. I think the highlights of my tour this time were: the scale of the gym with walls and roof almost complete; the beautiful passive recreation area on the very top level, with planter boxes, seating and views across the city; the structure of the learning communities taking shape; and the layout we'll be able to develop in our library. As walls are plastered, ceilings are completed and windows begin to be installed, it really is starting to feel like a very, very impressive, contemporary and wonderful school facility. I know you'll love what you see too, when the time comes.

I attend regular Project Control Group meetings with the builders, architects, project managers and quantity surveyors, and at last week's meeting, we confirmed that the project remains on track. We're aiming to have me and the foundation staff team starting to settle in to the new school in early – mid January. It's tight but we'll be ready for the arrival of our very first Year 7 students on 30 January 2019.

From street level, you're able to see the progress we're making and this will become more and more evident from this point onwards. Just today I walked past and noticed the front right corner of the building was more open to the street. Even that small change is obvious and helps show us what it will look like in the end. Today I loved seeing locals walk past the site, pause, look up and one say to the other, "I wish school looked like that when we went!"

Enrolment Update: 'When do we know?'

There's no doubt that there is a lot of interest in our new school. As we began our work together, I wasn't sure what our foundation enrolment numbers would be, as we were just starting out. However, it's been great so far and while the process is still continuing, I can honestly say that I'm so pleased with the embrace of the new school from all parts of our community. We will have a very pleasing foundation Year 7 cohort in 2019.

So, when do families know where your Grade 6 child has been offered a secondary school place? In line with the South-East Victorian Region of the DET guidelines, primary schools will notify families of placements on **Wednesday August 8.**

If you've been offered a place at Prahran High School, you can expect a letter from me, welcoming you to the school that same week.

Progressing the Uniform – Positive Feedback!

Late last term and last week, I visited some Grade 6 children in our local primary schools to seek their feedback with the development of the uniform. The feedback from the kids has been overwhelmingly positive; so too from the community. We're pushing ahead with the development of the uniform and our supplier, Dobson's have begun to provide me with various samples for final approval. It's great to see how our feature school teal colour is presenting in the jumper, logo embroidery, etc. It's distinctive, smart and fresh. The kids will look fantastic and I hope they feel so proud of their school and themselves when they get dressed on their first day of school next year.

Last newsletter I showed you a picture of the blazer and today I'm pleased to show you the development of the sports uniform. The students who have seen our progress have given me very affirming feedback about these garments.

Speaking of the sports uniform, it's important to note that our school policy will be that students are able to wear their sports uniform to school all day, on the days they have PE or Sport. We won't have students changing in and out of their uniform at school. As I've explained this to kids these past few weeks, their response has been very positive.



Staff Recruitment 2019

I've just recently advertised the first round of leadership positions for our school. It's a very exciting and important time as we look to recruit outstanding people who are also deeply committed to the vision of Prahran High School. I've advertised for the following roles: Assistant Principal; Business Manager; Leading Teacher – Student Wellbeing/Engagement; Learning Specialist – Curriculum and Pedagogy.

With me, the people we appoint to these roles have a vital role to play in our development. These people form the Prahran High School foundation leadership team and have an extraordinary responsibility and privilege to join our project.

I've been greatly heartened by the interest in these roles and I very much look forward to working through this process. It will be great for me to have other school leaders now join me to do the work that needs to be done to ensure we're ready to hit the ground running in January.

All positions are advertised on Recruitment on Line and the link can be found at: www.education.vic.gov.au

Keeping in Touch

Keep Your Feedback and Questions Coming In

I'm always very pleased to hear your feedback, ideas or questions. It's important that you have the chance to make suggestions if you've got ideas you'd like to share. Please just respond to this email should you have feedback or questions for me any time.

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