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Dear Mr Rowan

Further to your discussions with my parliamentary colleague Richard Wynne MP, Member for Richmond, I would like to confirm the following secondary school options for families living in Richmond.

A re-elected Brumby Labor Government will review secondary school provision for boys in the inner-city to ensure there are adequate educational options in the area. The review will:

- be independent;
- evaluate existing secondary school options for boys and highlight if there are any gaps, taking into consideration projected demographic changes;
- not impact on the operation of Melbourne High School;
- be genuine, participatory, consultative, well-resourced and inclusive of parents as key stakeholders.

The Victorian Government has a responsibility to ensure a place is available in a government school for every child who requires one. To increase the secondary education options for families who live in Richmond and for whom Collingwood College is their nearest government secondary school, since 2007 these families have been able to send their child to Collingwood College, Fitzroy High School, Princes Hill Secondary College or, in the case of girls, Melbourne Girls' College in Year 7. I can confirm that these arrangements will apply until there is an outcome from the review and a subsequent decision by Government.

Families in Richmond may also enrol their child at Albert Park College (opening in 2011 with a Year 7 intake) and Hawthorn Secondary College subject to enrolment space.

If you require further information please contact Ms Krys Hendrickson, Assistant Regional Director, Operations, Northern Metropolitan Region, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, on 9488 9488.

Yours sincerely

Hon Bronwyn Pike MP
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