

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICES FOR RICHMOND RESIDENTS

WHERE CAN OUR BOYS GO?

- **History**
 - 2 co-ed secondary schools merged/ closed
 - no new co-ed or boys schools or other avenues opened
 - “The RHS→MGC Deal”

- **Long Standing Issue**
 - long-standing + widely known & understood by politicians, DET, schools & community
 - no action or solutions targeted at Richmond
 - Richmond boys have been left out of the educational equation - it is pot luck

- **Growing Problem**
 - add to this the distortion caused by neighbouring girls-only schools
 - students come from all over Melbourne to attend MGC but the doors are closed to Richmond boys/students (120+ into Rich -v- 25 seeking places)
 - demographics – big jump in #s in inner-city & inner-east in ~ 5 years time

- **Immediate Solution**
 - why an immediate solution is justifiable:- on grounds of history, “The RHS→MGC Deal”, remedy discrimination against boys and fact that Richmond schools are Statewide providers
 - replace “pot luck” with DET right of entry criteria for Richmond/City of Yarra students (City of Yarra co-ed SCs; CHS; KHS; UH; NHS).
 - This Govt in this term to commit to keeping the Town Hall Precinct land in public hands + commission a review into the distortions in the public education system affecting inner-city & inner-eastern areas. This leaves open the door for the long term vision.

- **Short & Medium Term Solution**
 - Boost, secure and make a 5-10 year plan for HSC.

- **Long Term Vision**
 - A new school (co-ed or boys) in or for Richmond students e.g @ Town Hall Precinct.