

Question on Notice
No. 833
Asked on 18 August 2004

MS KAREN STRUTHERS asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

With reference to parent concerns that the student population of the highly regarded Calamvale Community College is very large and growing rapidly –

(1) What steps are being taken to provide for and manage the student numbers at Calamvale Community College?

(2) Are plans underway for the provision of a new State school to service the Calamvale / Stretton / Drewvale area?

ANSWER:

(1) An Enrolment Management Plan for Calamvale Community College was developed through a consultative process with the local community to provide for and manage student numbers.

This Enrolment Management Plan defines a clear boundary which ensures that students, for whom Calamvale Community College is their nearest school, are able to attend.

The Enrolment Management Plan specifies criteria covering the enrolment of students from outside the school's catchment, if student places are available in the required year level. However, the rapid growth of population within the defined catchment has meant that very few out of catchment students have been enrolled recently.

(2) The Government recognises the need for a new state school to service the Calamvale, Drewvale, Stretton and Parkinson area.

A preferred site has been identified and the procurement process is currently progressing.