

Question on Notice

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MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD) -

QUESTION:

With reference to Springfield Lakes State School—

How will the new school facilities enhance the community outside school hours and on weekends?

ANSWER:

The new Springfield Lakes State School will be a centrepiece of the community, with a modern design and landscaped gardens. The school principal in conjunction with the interim Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) are working to ensure that the new school will be open for community use as much as possible:

- Application forms to affiliate with Little Athletics have been obtained and are in the process of being submitted.
- The sports oval will become a feature for a number of sports for varying ages.
- There will be active after-school programs facilitated in partnership with YMCA on a number of afternoons each week.
- The school will become the focal point for sports training, for example, the establishment of a local junior cricket team.
- An application is in hand with Department of Communities for the YMCA to use school facilities to conduct an Out Of School Hours Care program.

The school will also be:

- engaging established local community clubs to interact with students in enhancing their knowledge in a range of interest activities, for example, organic gardening;
- promoting active travel by students to and from school (a 'Walking Bus") by using parents to accompany children who walk or cycle to school to address the issue of student obesity; and
- initiating a volunteer road crossing supervisor role for interested community members to enhance student safety.

Enrolments for the 2007 school year are now open and to date 286 students have been formally enrolled across P-7.