Question on Notice

No. 66

Asked on 13 February 2014

Mr Watts asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION:

When will the appointed principal for Highfields State High School be announced?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Queensland Government recognises the Toowoomba North community's support for a new state high school in Highfields, and we are committed to undertaking appropriate planning and consultation as we deliver this \$35 million project. The new school will open in 2015 for students in Years 7 and 8, with future stages planned to support the addition of students in Years 9 to 12 in subsequent years.

I have been advised by my Department that the Principal vacancy for the new state high school in the suburb of Highfields will be advertised in March 2014.

A selection panel that will include a community representative will undertake a process to determine the most suitable candidate for the role. I understand that the successful candidate will be announced as early as possible once the panel recommendation has been approved by the Deputy Director-General, Education Queensland. This is anticipated to be during Term 2 in 2014.

With the new Highfields school opening at the commencement of 2015, it will be expected that the successful candidate will commence in the role during July this year.