

Question on Notice
No. 1242
Asked on 4 December 2020

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the official name of the Inner City South State Secondary College project—
Will the Minister confirm (a) what contact the former Member for South Brisbane had made with the Minister or her office about the name, (b) what has been the process for determining the name and (c) when will the name be announced?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education worked with the Foundation Principal, Ms Kirsten Ferdinands, to facilitate the naming consultation process for the new secondary school.

The naming consultation was undertaken in accordance with the department's *Naming of Departmental Assets* procedure (the procedure), with an inclusive and collaborative approach that has provided all community members, including the local, state and federal members, with an opportunity to be involved in the naming of the new school.

The department's *Building Future Schools* website hosted online feedback forms from 28 October to 17 November 2019, encouraging community participation in the naming process.

In addition, on 9 November 2019, a 'Meet the Principal' event was open to members of the public. I attended this event along with the Member for South Brisbane and attendees were encouraged to provide naming suggestions.

A total of 150 viable submissions were received for the school name.

In accordance with the department's procedure, school names should promote the school's location or identity while reflecting local and community sensibilities.

During December 2019, Ms Ferdinands established an advisory group, and presented them with the vision for the school and the naming process. The advisory group was provided with examples of broad naming themes and possible names that had been collected through the consultation process.

Based on this information and to enable further consultation a list of preferred names was formed.

On 13 February 2020, the advisory group conducted a consultation workshop and interviews with key stakeholders and community representatives.

From the workshop consultation and interviews, school names were shortlisted from submissions received from the initial consultation process.

As well as conducting consultation regarding the school name, as required in the *Naming of Departmental Assets* procedure, the Principal chose to institute a voting process to further define the views of relevant stakeholders.

Approximately 1000 people were invited to take part in the voting process. Due to COVID-19, the voting process was conducted solely online.

The name, Brisbane South State Secondary College, was announced on the school's Facebook page on 3 August 2020.