

# No plan for new school

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## Moggill petition fails to persuade Minister

EDUCATION Minister Kate Jones has quashed hopes for a new high school in the Moggill electorate despite 1300 people signing a petition backing the facility.

Ms Jones wrote to petition organisers last week to pour cold water on the idea, sparking a huge response on Facebook from angry parents in the Kenmore area.

Ms Jones wrote that the Education Department had advised, based on projections, that the area was not identified as high growth, and that evidence did not support delivery of new school infrastructure in the vicinity.

"Based on the demand data available, a new high school to service the Moggill

electorate would not be viable given the low number of secondary school-aged students," she wrote.

But Ms Jones said any growth in student numbers would be closely monitored.

State LNP MP for Moggill Christian Rowan said the advice was disappointing.


"The Labor Minister's response is certainly at odds

with what is reported as needed by parents, students, teachers and residents, not only at Kenmore State High School but also by families in Mt Crosby and Karana Downs, who continue to fight for an additional high school," he said.

Kenmore State High School council chairman Scott Meehan said the coun-

cil would meet again to discuss the issue this term.

"Some very difficult decisions will have to be made to protect the learning environment and excellent outcomes that the school has worked so hard to achieve," he said. "The only instrument available to the school is to rigorously enforce the enrolment management plan and limit enrolments from out-of-catchment suburbs."

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