

## Office of the Mayor



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Jenny Atta Secretary Department of Education and Training GPO Box 4367 MELBOURNE Vic 3001

Dear Secretary

## Re: State Government secondary school provision for Keysborough South

I am writing to follow up on our previous correspondence with the Minister for Education regarding State Government funding for a secondary school in the Keysborough South area.

In 2017, following the City of Greater Dandenong's request to Minister Merlino to prioritise the development of a secondary school in Keysborough South, the Minister responded that current demographic modelling did not warrant the development of a new secondary school. The response indicated that annual reviews of demographic data were scheduled for planning purposes.

As the population of Keysborough South continues to grow, the City of Greater Dandenong would appreciate the Department providing an update on its demographic modelling and plans for the region, including an analysis of actual enrolments and capacity of existing schools in the Keysborough South and surrounding catchment areas.

Council understands that developing a new school is a significant financial investment, however members of the Keysborough South community have indicated that a secondary facilities is fundamental for the health, development, and wellbeing of their children and families.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Martin Fidler, Director Community Services on 8571 5211 or martin.fidler@cgd.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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