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Strengthening secondary schooling in Armadale

I am pleased to let you know that public secondary schooling in Armadale is being strengthened.

The Minister for Education, The Hon Peter Collier MLC, has announced changes following the consultation that took place last year in the community and that you may have been involved in. The changes will provide better subject choices and more options for young people to pursue tertiary education, further training and employment when they leave school.

A full curriculum will continue to be provided at both our school and Cecil Andrews Senior High School from Years 7 to 12. From 2017 we will focus on vocational education and training (VET) programs while Cecil Andrews Senior High School will focus on academic programs.

We will expand our VET program to include hospitality and allied health services, both leading to nationally recognised qualifications. We will have a new commercial kitchen; and our cafeteria, food and textiles facilities, and selected classrooms will be upgraded.

A new Academic Extension Program will be introduced at Cecil Andrews Senior High School from Years 7 to 10. Its focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics will provide young people with a clear direction in their studies as they move into Years 11 and 12 and on to tertiary study. Two new multipurpose laboratories, a lecture room and preparation areas will be built; and the cafeteria, selected classrooms and parking area will be upgraded.

These changes will be in place for the start of the 2017 school year. Both schools will continue as Independent Public Schools and operate without local-intake areas so young people can be enrolled at the school that best meets their aspirations.

Further information about the new directions is at education.wa.edu.au

This is an exciting development for our school and community.

I encourage you to contact me if you wish to discuss how these changes will benefit your children.

Yours sincerely

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