



MEDIA RELEASE

Moora Residential College

The Shire wishes to clarify a point of discussion in the community regarding future options regarding the Moora Residential College.

The Shire has not been formally asked by the W.A Government to consider whether or not it wishes to take over the ownership of the Moora Residential College.

The matter was raised directly with Premier McGowan at a meeting with him at Parliament House after the Moora Residential College Closure Rally on 13 March 2018. Premier McGowan was asked if the W.A State Government would consider handing over the College to the Community / Shire. Premier McGowan's response to that question was "it would be unlikely that the W.A State Government would transfer ownership of the College to another entity, be that the Shire or any other legal entity/community body".

The Shire will, as it has from the outset, continue to work collaboratively with vigour to have this terrible decision of the W.A State Government reversed. At the same time, the Shire will also do what it can to shore up the future and funding of the Central Midlands Senior High School to ensure that educational opportunities in the Central Midlands Region are not further eroded and the senior high school status maintained.

Education is a core role of W.A State Government. The Shire does not have an appetite nor capacity to burden the ratepayers and this community in committing to the costs associated with the delivery of education in this region. The W.A State Government are clearly abrogating their responsibility in delivery of fair and accessible education opportunities in the Central Midlands Region. The Shire is committed to working to find solutions that will result in sustainable educational outcomes at the Central Midlands Senior High School, now and into the future.

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