OPTION 1 - \*\*IF YOU WANT TO SEND A COMPREHENSIVE LETTER USE THIS VERSION\*\*

Dear Minister for Education, Rob Stokes MP

**Subject**: Maximising recreational space and building a school fit for the future: The new Cammeraygal High Senior Campus

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Cammeraygal High School community. As a community of current and future parents, we need your help to investigate options for additional funding to ensure our new Senior Campus development maximises recreational space for students and is developed in sync with the growing demand for enrolments.

The Department of Education is finalising the plans for the Cammeraygal Senior Campus on the former West Street, Crows Nest TAFE site. The plans will shortly be submitted for DA approval. The design that was recently unveiled for community consultation is very exciting. The project team have made clever use of a tight footprint and re-purposed existing buildings to create a senior campus with a mature and modern feel, and generous learning facilities.  We are very grateful for their efforts.

However, the existing site and structure already had limited outdoor recreational areas. The proposed design includes a new multi-purpose hall to be built on around 1000m2 of existing outdoor space. This new structure is currently planned as an elevated single-level structure with a sloping roof combining a hall large enough to accommodate HSC exams with an indoor basketball court.  A proposal from the Cammeraygal P&C has been put forward to the design team to bring this hall to ground level (with some additional excavation) and add a roof-top sports facility.  This would unlock the opportunity for ground level disabled access and an additional 800m2 (minimum) of floor space for recreational facilities. I understand that budget constraints have been cited as the reason why such a proposal cannot be considered.

An additional factor underscoring the importance of maximising the potential of the new development from the outset is that our student enrolment numbers are already exceeding planning estimates. The Sydney Metro line and associated apartment construction through our catchment will very likely accelerate this trend.  Doing what we can now to future proof our Senior Campus will mitigate the risk that our new location is already under-sized for its needs on the day of commissioning.

I would like to call for your support to work together with the Department of Education to urgently investigate options for extending the functionality of the new hall and securing additional funding to maximise the recreational facilities for the Cammeraygal Senior Campus from the outset. Our Senior Campus needs to be completed by January 2019 so it is imperative that we move quickly and don't delay the DA process.

Yours sincerely

OPTION 2 - \*\*IF YOU WANT TO SEND A SHORT NOTE USE THIS VERSION\*\*

Dear Minister for Education, Rob Stokes MP

**Subject**: Lending support to urgent call for action to maximise recreational space at the new Cammeraygal High Senior Campus

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Cammeraygal High School community. I want to add my voice, as the parent of current/future Cammeraygal students, to the call for your support to work together with the Department of Education to urgently investigate options for additional funding to ensure our new Senior Campus development maximises the recreational space for students. I fully support the Cammeraygal P&C’s request to modify the new multi-purpose hall structure. I understand the proposal is to move from an elevated single-level building to a two-level structure with ground level disabled access and a roof-top sports facility, adding 800m2 of recreational space to the current plan.

Please help us to ensure our children have the facilities they need to learn and be active during their time at the Cammeraygal Senior Campus.

Yours sincerely