



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Education**

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Enquiries :

Dear parent/carer

I am writing to inform you that the Minister for Education, Hon Peter Collier MLC, has announced the amalgamation of South Fremantle and Hamilton Senior High Schools to form a new public secondary school for Fremantle to open in 2018.

Fremantle College (planning name) will cater for students from Years 7 to 12, on the site of South Fremantle Senior High School. It will be a local secondary school that provides students with a breadth of curriculum leading to both university entrance and training opportunities. A feature of the new school will be the inclusion of a Gifted and Talented Selective Academic program for students with exceptional academic abilities. It will retain the state-of-the-art maritime Trade Training Centre and continue an established commitment to sustainability as a carbon neutral school. The college has been designed to meet the expectations expressed to the Minister during the community consultation held in 2014.

The college will open as an Independent Public School with a school board to provide strategic direction and governance.

Ms Margaret Collins, Regional Executive Director, South Metropolitan Education Region will oversee the establishment of the college. The foundation principal will be appointed from 2017 to work with the board to shape the emerging school, its staffing and its student programs.

South Fremantle Senior High School has served its community well and there will be fond memories and a rich history as its legacy. However, declining enrolments and limited curriculum choices have led to the need to revitalise secondary education in the area.

Information and updates will be available on the Department's website at education.wa.edu.au as this exciting initiative progresses.

If you wish to discuss the implications for your children in 2018, I encourage you to talk with Ms Geraldine Hardy, Principal, South Fremantle Senior High School on 9337 0500.

I understand that you may have questions about this decision, and I wish to assure you that Department of Education staff will support your family through the transition to the new school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharyn O'Neill'.

SHARYN O'NEILL
DIRECTOR GENERAL