

23 December 2015



To all Rockingham Montessori School families

Re: State Administrative Tribunal Review Outcome

It is a pleasure to announce the Metro South-West Joint Development Assessment Panel reconsidered the school's development application pursuant to section 31 of the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2014* on 18 December 2015.

I wish to thank the school community for the support given to the School Board during the past 18 months it has taken to achieve Planning Approval for the building project. The school may now commence the next phases of the development to build on the sites the proposed new campus that will encompass an educational facility for the first three planes of development and provide benefit to existing and future students and their families for generations to come.

An outline of the next stages of the development will be communicated in the New Year once established. The school has overcome some obstacles and unfortunate negative media to attain Planning Approval. We can thank the technical expertise of the schools external consultants and the School Board who have worked to achieve this positive outcome. For anyone who has been involved in a development project or even built their own house, Planning Approval is one of the early stages. There is much work ahead of us as the school continues to embark on its journey to build a beautiful new school site. This journey will continue to require from us all; commitment, determination and patience.

I wish to also take this opportunity to wish our staff, students, families and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you all enjoy safe and happy holidays.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonja Neame".

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Ref: Family Letter 231215

Mission Statement *"To provide a Montessori environment in which the needs of the whole child are met in a nurturing, safe and caring school, by encouraging independence, mutual respect and self-discipline so that students are prepared to take their place in the global community."*

