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Subject: Flynn Primary school site

To whom it may concern,

My partner and I had 4 children at Flynn Primary when it closed. We live within walking distance (only a couple houses away) to Flynn and I purchased my home so my kids could walk to the local school in 2003. When we looked at nearby schools we were horrified by Charnwood and Mt Rogers. Mt Rogers in particular which was so run down compared to Flynn, with a toilet block which had closed down years before and not re-opened. This would explain why the majority of parents did not move to Mt Rogers. The kids moved to a variety of schools including Charnwood, Latham, Mt Rogers, Evatt and many got fed up and went private education - losing contact with established friends. Our kids moved to Lyneham Primary, to find out last year they could not go to Lyneham High (out of area). The priority enrollment only applied to the first move?? We decided to move the kids again, this time to Kingsford Smith. Again, friendships made over 2 years had to be disbanded and another huge transitional cost which we were not eligible for assistance. We felt there would at least now be some certainty for education through to year 10, but technically we are still out of area and thus could not afford to wait till next year. We knew there would be teething problems, but to advertise that all was on target and then the school oval not handed over half/three quarter through term 1?? Had P-10 been offered it would have been disastrous. A great deal more could have been done before the school was opened and the lack of consultation amongst none Holt/Higgins parents was nil to nothing. Extra staff allocated to assist in teething issues should have been allocated. The workload for the P&C, Executive and staff is outrageous. I understand Harrison is undergoing the same problems, they too do not have a canteen. To add to all of this, we have 1 child with ADHD who does not cope with change well, and another with a life threatening heart condition to which stress is life threatening (in saying that, they love the new school).

Flynn as a suburb has the old school site as its ONLY community asset. That is why it was so well supported and when you looked at % of in area attendance, the decreasing age profile (increase in families wanting to live in Flynn) and its facilities, this committee has to understand why this community has fought so hard to retain it. I strongly urge you to make a swift decision in retaining our ONLY community asset FOR the community.

Cheers, Maria Worner
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