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COMMUNIQUÉ RE LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOLING IN OUR REGION

Late last year the Lutheran Schools Association released the findings of a report to our school board which investigated the options for Lutheran schooling in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide, Barossa Valley and Gawler regions.

The report covered areas such as: possible new schools; aspects surrounding the possible move of Year 7 students to secondary school and the concept of middle schooling; early learning centres and kindergarten provision.

Of particular interest to our school is the continuity of Lutheran schooling for Immanuel students beyond Year 7 into secondary school. To this end the report identified possible sites for new schools in line with the ‘30 Year Greater Adelaide Plan’ with areas east and north of Gawler earmarked for significant population growth in the next 3 to 10 years.

Immanuel School Council together with representatives from the Lutheran Schools Association has been examining the report and the ramifications for our school. In short, Immanuel School Council is currently focused on the possible development of secondary school provision in the proposed ‘Roseworthy’ housing development where a viable option is available to the Lutheran Church (SA/NT District) within 10 minutes drive from our site.

At this stage the School Council is in the ‘investigation stage’ regarding secondary schooling in the ‘Roseworthy’ area. Ideally, if secondary education was to be provided at ‘Roseworthy’, School Council would be keen to work to a timeline which accepts Year 8 enrolments in 2014 with enrolments on site in 2015.

Of course much needs to be done to realise any of the above and we are at the beginning of this journey. We will keep you posted as plans formalise but in the interim we ask for your prayerful support as the Council continues its secondary school investigations.

Yours faithfully

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