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Police Road school crossing - proposed closure update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter last week, I am writing to update you on our extensive discussions with Dandenong City Council with regards to the Police Road school crossing used by some of our students.

I can advise that the Council has further considered this issue and has reiterated its advice that the existing Police Road crossing is deemed unsafe.

The crossing location falls regularly within the queuing zone of vehicles stopped at, or held back by, the signals at Police Road and Princes Hwy. Police Road at this location has two lanes of traffic in each direction with trucks making up 9% of the 18,800 vehicles per school day. Council has advised that these characteristics present a high-risk to school children and the supervisor being obstructed from view of motorists approaching on the outside lane while a truck is stopped on the inside lane adjacent to the crossing.

On this basis, Council intends to close the crossing at the end of the term.

In his correspondence to me, Lucas Sikiotis, Manager Transport & Civil Development, Dandenong City Council noted:

'I acknowledge this is not entirely the response you or the school were hoping for. I assure you that my colleagues, senior management, the Ward Councillor (Cr O'Reilly) and I have heard and taken your concerns into consideration. As outlined above though, with the risks clearly defined, it is incumbent on council to take swift action to address this unsafe location.'

By way of next steps, Council representatives have agreed to meet with myself and school Board representatives next Wednesday to closely examine all the issues, including the proposed alternative arrangements for children and families currently utilising the Police Road crossing. One solution is to use a supervisor at the signalised lights near the corner of Dunoon Court and Turner Close.

I thank you for your ongoing support and I encourage you to contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further.

I will keep you updated as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

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