

SCHOOLS — MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE — CENTRAL MIDLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

673. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

- (1) How many secondary students currently accommodated at the Moora Residential College attend Central Midlands Senior High School?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that there will continue to be sufficient staff at Central Midlands Senior High School to provide the necessary range of ATAR and VET subjects for years 11 and 12 in the event that enrolments fall following the proposed closure of Moora Residential College?
- (3) If yes to (2), how?
- (4) Does the Minister anticipate the closure of Moora Residential College and expected fall in students at Central Midlands High School will result in the loss of any staff positions at Central Midlands High School?
- (5) In the event that staff are affected, will these staff:
 - (a) be offered positions at other public sector employers in Moora; and
 - (b) be offered redundancy?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (1) 26
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Students at Central Midlands Senior High School will continue to have access to both Australian Tertiary Admission Rank and Vocational Education and Training courses. These will be delivered through a mixture of face-to-face and School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) courses, as is current practice.
- (4) Per-student funding is only one component of a school's budget. Schools also receive funding based on student and school characteristics. As a small secondary school, Central Midlands Senior High School receives enrolment-linked base funding. The enrolment-linked base allocation is provided to ensure schools are able to meet general operating costs. It recognises the different fixed costs for different school types, such as different administrative structures. The enrolment-linked base allocation depends on the type of school and the size of the student population. If student numbers reduce, the enrolment-linked base allocation would help compensate the loss of per-student funding.

Schools develop their own staffing profile according to the needs of students and funding provided through the student-centred funding model.
- (5)
 - (a) Affected fixed-term staff will have the term and conditions of their contracts honoured. Affected permanent staff will become registrable employees under Part 2 of the *Public Sector Management (Redeployment and Redundancy) Regulations 2014*. As registrable employees, they may be transferred to other positions in the Department of Education or, where this is not possible, they may be transferred to other public sector agencies.
 - (b) Voluntary severance is a possible option available within the *Regulations*.