

**EDUCATION — LOCAL INTAKE SECONDARY SCHOOL — SUBIACO**

*Statement by Minister for Education and Training*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Minister for Education and Training)** [2.09 pm]: Today, the McGowan government announced that it will build a new local intake secondary school in Subiaco to take enrolment pressure off western suburbs schools whilst offering a first-class education for local students. The first stage of the school will cost \$68 million and will accommodate a total of 2 000 year 7 to year 12 students by 2025. Architects are in the process of being appointed to design the new school.

The inner-city college will be built as part of the reinvigoration of the area and will allow the famous Subiaco Oval to become the new school's playing fields, shared with the local community. This project is an efficient use of existing infrastructure, including Subiaco and West Leederville train stations, the use of Subiaco Oval and the proximity to the town centre. The Kitchener Park site is the best location for a new secondary school and is far more convenient for public transport than the City Beach option. The school addresses the need for a secondary school in the booming inner western suburbs, rather than in the coastal area where population growth is much less. City Beach is not where the population growth is. The growth of City Beach is actually going backwards. For the years 2016–2026, the projected percentage growth of City Beach is minus 0.97 per cent, whereas for Mt Hawthorn and Leederville it is 13.9 per cent and for North Perth it is 16.4 per cent. The Subiaco site will provide 2 000 student places. In comparison, the City Beach high school option would provide 1 600 student places and was a refurbishment of an old school with the addition of some new buildings. Perth Modern School will remain on its current site in Roberts Road as the state's only fully selective academic school.

We have maintained our commitment to provide a new local intake school for the community of the inner suburbs and to take the enrolment pressure off Churchlands Senior High School and Shenton College. This is an option that will contribute to the beating heart of Subiaco and will open up opportunities for the area and the community.