I enrolled to send my son to Swan Christian College back in 2019, to commence school in Jan 2020. I enrolled as the school is a fantastic school and there was a means of transport to get my son to school. There had been a bus run from Toodyay to Swan Christian College for years. But just my luck, the bus company was sold and the school has not been able to get a replacement at an affordable amount.

This then meant that I had either change my sons school once again, or change my working hours and re-arrange our home life to try and get my son to and from school every day. It was a massive inconvenience however, a very important decision to make for my sons future. So I changed my hours and arranged a car pool to make it work for now.

I also joined a small group of parents who were lobbying for a bus service from Toodyay to Swan Christian College. One parent in particular had been the constant voice of the group, she tried and tried through many avenues but was knocked back time and time again. She has now given up.

I have now moved my other son to Swan Christian College earlier than I planned as it is too hard do school pickup and drop off in two different locations. Both of my children's education has improved greatly since changing schools so I feel it is important to keep them there for their futures.

I had sent a request through PTA in the past and was told they would offer me a spot from Bullsbrook. The distance from my home in Bejoording to drive to Bullsbrook to drop off and pick up my kids everyday was pretty much the same distance as driving to school. It just made no sense at all.

I believe there is a School Bus Services that currently takes kids from Morangup & Gidgegannup to Le Salle. Le Salle is just under 5 kms from Swan Christian College. We once requested if we could share this bus ride and the bus could make one extra stop to Swan Christian College. It is 5 kms! But we were rejected as it would be an additional expense to the bus service which they are not willing to do. This would still mean we would have to get our children from Toodyay to Morangup or Gidgegannup every day but at least it would be a start.

Secondly, there is a Dingo bus that takes kids from Toodyay all the way to Helena College every day. The bus has a hand full of children in it. Why can't we share the Dingo bus to Gidgegannup and then transfer to the Le Salle bus the rest of the way. There is so many options, however all fall on deaf ears. It is simply left to parents to arrange carpooling, which is not ideal and often stressful to rely on.

Basically, we are seeking your help to please re-assess the situation and see if there is an affordable way for families to get a bus service for our children to attend Swan Christian College from Toodyay.

Thanks for your time.