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Dear Cr Blades *Roz*

Thank you for your letter regarding the provision of a secondary school in the Keysborough South area.

The Andrews Labor Government is mindful that enrolment growth pressures are being felt in a number of communities, including Keysborough South and more broadly, the City of Greater Dandenong. The Government is committed to making Victoria the Education State. That's why the last four State Budgets have invested over \$3.8 billion to build, upgrade and maintain school and early childhood facilities across the state.

Central to the Education State vision is ensuring that we have the right school infrastructure in place to meet the needs of growing communities. To achieve this, the Government will deliver 100 new schools over the next eight years. This commitment to significant school infrastructure reform includes \$850 million to open the new schools, as well as over \$600 million to upgrade existing facilities, ensuring that Victorian schools can cater for the state's rapidly-growing population.

As you may know, each year the Department reviews historic and forecast demographic data and actual school enrolments to identify expected government school shortfalls. The Department uses this information to advise Government when and where schools need to be delivered to meet growing demand. Developing a new school is a significant investment and involves a number of stages to ensure that public money is invested in the right place at the right time.

Current analysis of population forecasts and the capacity of existing schools to accommodate growth indicates that schools in the Keysborough South area have the capacity to meet anticipated enrolments, and there are no immediate plans to fund the construction/building of a new school in this area. There are approximately 1,800 students currently enrolled at Keysborough Secondary College and the college has additional capacity for new students and to accommodate local growth. A map showing Keysborough Secondary College's school enrolment zone is attached to this letter (Attachment A). You can also view their zone at findmyschool.vic.gov.au.

The Department will continue to monitor and plan for government education provision in the Keysborough South area, thereby ensuring that all Victorian students have access to high-quality education as the population continues to grow. If you would like further information, you may contact Ms Jacinta Blanch, Director, Infrastructure and Planning, Department of Education and Training, on (03) 7022 1363 or by email: blanch.jacinta.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust this information is of assistance.

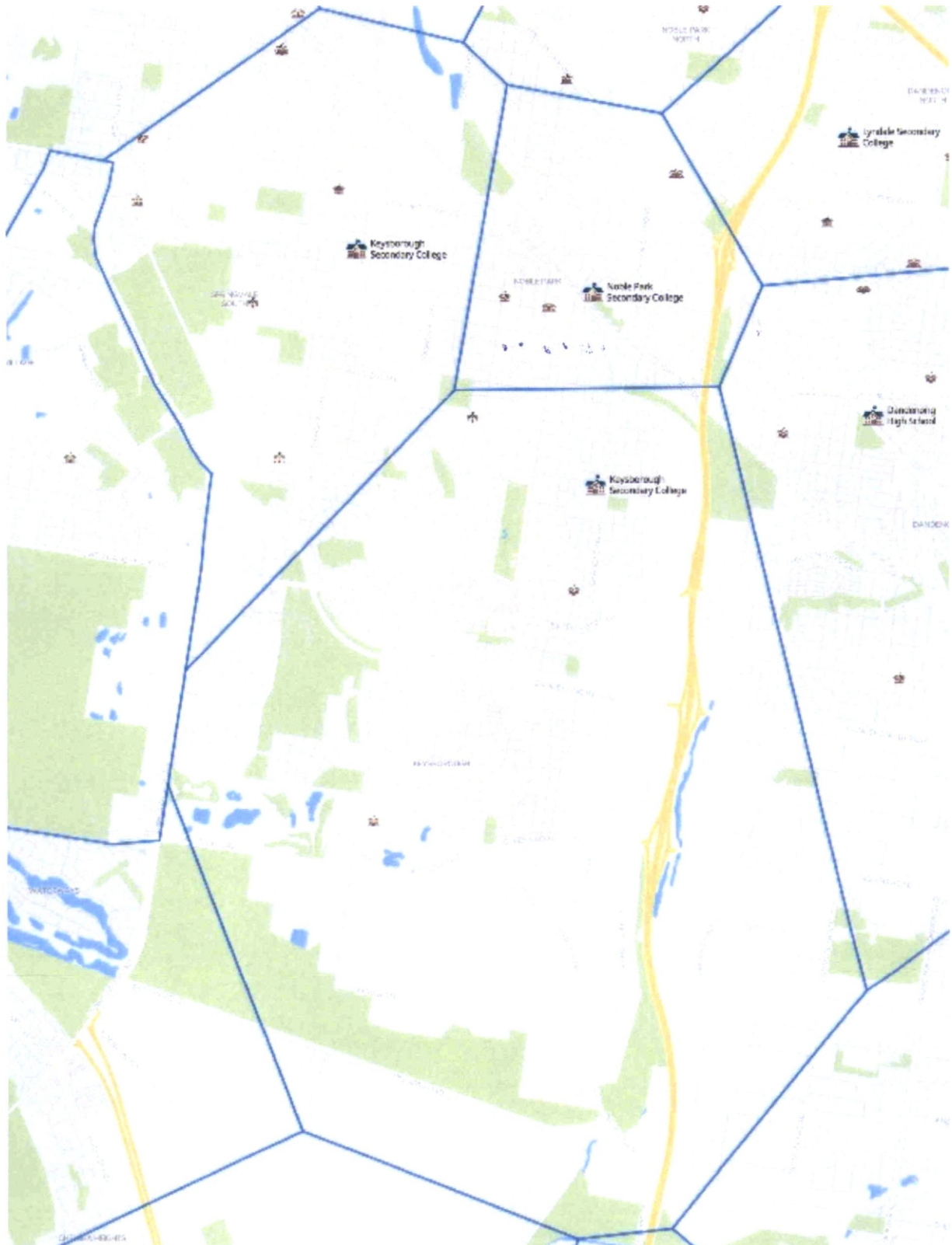
Yours sincerely



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Attachment A – School enrolment zones map – Keysborough Secondary College



Map showing enrolment zone for Keysborough Secondary College Acacia and Banksia Campuses.

Source: findmyschool.vic.gov.au (April 2019)