



Dear parents and carers of Farrer Primary School,

### **Boundary fence at Farrer Primary School**

I am writing to advise that the Education Directorate will proceed with building a boundary fence at Farrer Primary School.

This decision follows a six-week period of community consultation on the proposed fence design during term 4. All views have helped shape the final outcome. Thank you for your feedback and engagement with this process.

We take our duty of care for students during school hours seriously. A boundary fence will help reduce safety risks, student abscondments and the risk of unknown people coming onto school grounds without permission. This will also support the wellbeing and workloads of Farrer Primary School staff.

During the consultation process we asked the Farrer community to tell us what they thought about the proposed fence line, the placement of gate access points and out of hours access.

The Education Directorate acknowledges that there are mixed views on the need for a fence.

However, overall there is support from the school community for a boundary fence primarily for safety reasons and to reduce the high rates of vandalism.

Feedback received from community has been reflected in the final design, which is now available on the school website. The revised design shows adjustments to the access points and ensures the school car park is outside of the fence line.

The 'What We Heard' report detailing the feedback received through the consultation is also now available.

The community will continue to be able to access the school grounds outside of school hours. These arrangements will be finalised in consultation with the school. Timelines for construction of the fence and out of hours access arrangements will be provided in the new year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation process. You can read more on the Farrer Primary School website:

[https://www.farrerps.act.edu.au/boundary\\_fence\\_consultation](https://www.farrerps.act.edu.au/boundary_fence_consultation)

For any questions please contact: [ACT.Education@act.gov.au](mailto:ACT.Education@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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