



To Whom It May Concern

RE: SWEK parking modifications

I am writing on behalf of East Kimberley College (EKC) in support of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley (SWEK) and their proposed parking modifications along Coolibah Drive and Mangaloo Street, as outlined in the comprehensive documentation provided for viewing.

EKC believe the proposed parking modifications will improve the flow of traffic, further increase safety, and reduce parking conflict around the school site, and therefore, strongly support the proposed works, with the support of the Department of Education.

On behalf of EKC, I also wish to communicate our extreme satisfaction with the newly introduced bus pick up and drop off arrangements along Mangaloo Street. The previous arrangement, which saw school buses picking up and dropping off students via the Mango Block on Coolibah Drive, was not supported by the Department of Education and was a private arrangement between local Bus Contractors and previous school leadership. The Department of Education does not permit School Bus Services to utilise school land to pick up and drop of students due to the inherent safety risks.

The new arrangement provides the opportunity for expansion along Mangaloo Street as the school grows and the need for the introduction of additional buses occurs. Therefore, future changes to bus pick up and drop off arrangements around the school site will not be necessary. We acknowledge and appreciate the support of the SWEK and our local Bus Contractors as their significant contribution has ensured the successful implementation of this new arrangement.

EKC acknowledges the commitment to simplification of parking, and the safety of members of the Kununurra community, and recommends favourable consideration of the proposed parking modifications.

Should you wish to receive further evidence of the Department of Education policy pertaining to School Bus Services access to school land please contact the Public Transport Authority – School Bus Services on (08) 9326 2479.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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