SCHOOL OVAL

Firstly, could the Principal clarify his remarks that he made 16/09 meeting with regards to damage to the school oval.

As per the Minutes of Meeting for P&C Meeting held 16/09 posted on P&C Website
"Due to damage caused by the public and dogs on the oval, the oval may be fenced off after upgrades have been finished to ensure maintenance going forward."

As a member of the Doubleview community I am quite concerned by the statement above as we have previously been given written assurances that the school oval will remain fully accessible to the public outside of school hours (refer below).

<u>Root causes of damage to the oval</u>

- Part of the oval is a fenced off construction site since last year. Earth moving equipment has been tearing up parts of the oval on the unfenced side.

- There has been no cricket nets and no access to a set of footy goals for students. Resulting in higher impact and overuse in other areas of the oval ie other footy goals and soccer goals.

- Dog owners do need to improve and take more responsibility for their pets faeces on the oval.

RISK TO THE SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENT IF THEY RESTRICT OVAL ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC

- Angry parents, students and community large public outcry and complaints in writing to the principals and the Department
- Angry parents at P&C Meetings with concerns about the oval being closed to public use
- Potential reputational risk from petitions to Department and negative media coverage
- Administrative overhead responding to Ministerial requests due to letters to the Minister

PROPOSED MITIGATION

- A formal response/statement from the DVPS Principal and the ISWA Principal that they will honour and abide by the Department of Education's promise and commitment in 2018 below to that the school oval will remain fully accessible to the public outside of school hours (refer below) and fencing will not restrict access.

- A formal response/statement from the Department of Education's promise and commitment in 2018 below to that the school oval will remain fully accessible to the public outside of school hours (refer below) and fencing will not restrict access

- A joint formal response from the Principal's of ISWA and DVPS with their proposed action plan to meeting their duty of care responsibilities to maintain the oval while also living up to the Department of Education's commitment to Doubleview community to allow access to the oval.

POTENTIAL OPTIONS TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL'S DUTY OF CARE RE OVAL MAINTENANCE AND KEEP ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC OPEN

- A strong argument could be made that City of Stirling should be asked to contribute funds towards the regular maintenance of the school oval because
  - Residents including school families from both schools will be using it.
  - That portion of wear and tear should be covered by the City given Doubleview (see table below) and Eastern Scarborough has severe lack of public open space.
  - The sharing of the cost of facilities like school ovals between the Education Department and Local Councils is very common.
  - There is the Guide to shared use facilities a standardised approach that would inform proponents and users on how to plan, develop and manage shared community and school facilities. https://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/guide-to-shared-use-facilities
  - Given the more complex nature of our Doubleview site being one of the only Public Primary Schools and Private School sharing a site among a few in WA plus it is the largest of these by many multiples and the only public school with a K-12 private school. The Department of Education should be requested to lead its implementation and not our School Staff as they've got the devilish issue of trying to get both schools to operate on the same site and sharing some facilities.

ADDITIONAL OR SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

- The Department of Education has stated in the Development Planning Applications. Most recent application -

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Community Access to the Remaining Oval Space and Other School Sporting Facilities and Play Areas

In response to the concerns raised regarding the level of community access to the remaining school oval, and the other school sporting facilities and play areas, the Department of Education has advised that the school oval will remain fully accessible to the public outside of school hours. This includes the new nature playground that will be constructed as part of the new Doubleview Primary School works. In addition, public access to the school hard courts outside of school hours will be maintained, at the discretion of the school Principal, in-line with Department of Education Policy. Community organisations will also be able to access these facilities outside school hours.

Furthermore, whilst the Department of Education has advised that the local community are welcome to use the school oval when not required by both schools outside of school hours, the area is not actually a public open space. The entire site is owned by the Minister for Education and was established for the primary purpose of education. This is reflected in the applicable zoning under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and the local scheme reservation for 'Public Purposes – Primary School' under the City's LPS3. As such, the primary purpose of the school oval is, and will continue to be, to serve the needs of the students on site.

Classes at the International School of Western Australia operate between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, representing only a minor increase in the hours in which the oval will be utilised for school-related purposes. There may also be sporadic use of the oval outside of school hours by both schools, which will take priority when required.

Fencing Proposal

d. The fencing is not intended to restrict public access to the school oval, hardcourts or cricket nets, which will remain available for use by the public outside school hours.

- The Department of Education stated the following to the Community in Flyers back September 2016 at the time of the first announcement of a decision to co-locate ISWA and Doubleview Primary on the same site.

Yes, students will have substantial open space including an oval and other play areas.

Will the community still have access to the school oval?
Yes, the community will still have access to the southwest oval.

- From City of Stirling's Local Planning Strategy page 120 – Showing the lack of public open space in the area

Table 43: Existing Public Open Space per Locality and per Person (Source: City of Stirling)

Locality	POS Area as agreed (ha)	Public Open Space (Percentage of Residential Area)	Area per Existing Population (m²)	Area per Existing Dwelling (m²)
Balcatta	52.96	21%	53m²	113m²
Hamersley	22.42	15%	45m²	108m²
SA2 total & average	75.37	18%	50m²	112m²
Balga	61.52	23%	57m²	135m²
Mirrabooka	31.90	19%	40m²	122m²
SA2 total & average	93.41	21%	50m²	130m²
Dianella	111.34	19%	49m²	113m²
SA2 total & average	111.34	19%	49m²	113m²
Innaloo	19.87	13%	26m²	51m²
Doubleview	5.99	3%	3m²	8m²
SA2 total & average	25.86	8%	9m²	23m²
Karrinyup	88.46	38%	104m²	262m²
Gwelup	90.02	87%	229m²	605m²
Carine	115.27	66%	178m²	470m²
SA2 total & average	293.75	63%	155m²	401m²
Mount Lawley	23.14	15%	22m²	46m²
Inglewood	18.57	17%	34m²	71m²
SA2 total & average	41.71	16%	26m²	55m²
Nollamara	23.27	11%	24m²	49m²
Westminster	10.60	8%	20m²	43m²