



Public secondary schooling in the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area

The State Government is undertaking community consultation with local parents, students and community members to gather feedback on secondary education options in the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area.

The Department's preferred model for secondary students is to provide them with continuous schooling from Year 7 right through to Year 12 – all delivered in one school environment.

This minimises the transition points in a student's schooling, creating a more seamless secondary education.

Reducing the number of changes that students experience, by having to move from one secondary school to another, is beneficial for their social, emotional and academic development.

At present:

- Clarkson Community High School caters for students from Years 7 to 12.
- Kinross College caters for students from Years 7 to 10.
- Mindarie Senior College caters for students in Years 11 and 12.

As at Semester 2, 2020 there are currently 1822 students across the three schools.

There are a number of factors to consider as part of this consultation, including:

- the number of students enrolled
- resourcing schools to maximise student learning
- continuity and consistency in learning and student support.

Local community members are invited to have their say through an online survey, where they can select one of the following options:

Option 1

- Kinross College and Mindarie Senior College each extend to become Years 7 to 12 schools with separate local intake areas.
- Clarkson Community High School is repurposed and becomes part of North Metropolitan TAFE, Clarkson campus to focus on training for young people.

Option 2

No change

The survey is online at education.wa.edu.au and is open for three weeks from 9.00am on Friday 27 November 2020 and will close at 5.00pm on Friday 18 December 2020.

Q. Is the number of students in a school important?

A. Schools of all sizes can be successful. However, as enrolments grow, a school is able to offer more educational opportunities and a broader range of course options for students. Secondary school enrolments of around 1200 students are considered optimal to provide the necessary breadth and depth of curriculum throughout the secondary school years.

The total enrolments as at Semester 2, 2020 for each school are:

School	Years	Total enrolments
Clarkson Community High School	Years 7 to 12	325
Kinross College	Years 7 to 10	717
Mindarie Senior College	Years 11 and 12	780

Q. What is the preferred model of secondary schooling?

A. The preferred model of secondary schooling is to, where possible, provide students with seamless Years 7 to 12 secondary schooling in one school. Reducing the number of changes that students experience, by having to move from one secondary school to another, is beneficial for their social, emotional and academic development.

Q. Who will be consulted as part of the community consultation process?

A. Parents/carers, students, school boards and councils, parents and citizens' associations and community members in the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area are invited to have their views heard by providing feedback through an online survey. The survey is also available to interest groups, students and other stakeholders. Staff will also be consulted.

Q. What are the key characteristics of a good secondary school?

There are a number of key characteristics of a good secondary school that contributes to student achievement and the overall learning and social experiences for students.

- **Curriculum, programs and pathway options**
A comprehensive curriculum allows schools to offer multiple pathways so students can progress through secondary school towards clear and achievable goals such as going to university, pursuing further training or moving into employment.
- **School environment**
A secondary school should be welcoming and nurturing, and a place where students are provided with a range of positive role models. It is also important for students to have the opportunity to interact and engage with peers of the same age.
- **Student support**
In meeting the needs of students, good secondary schools provide pastoral care, resources and programs specifically designed to support young adults. Larger secondary schools allow for a greater variety of support for all students.
- **Years of schooling**
The timing of a student's move to secondary school can be critical in maintaining their engagement in education. A Year 7 to 12 school provides students with continuity in their education programs and limits the number of transition points that may disrupt their learning.

Q. How can I be involved in the consultation process?

A. Initially, you can be involved by providing feedback through a short survey. Your responses are anonymous and will be collated with other responses for analysis. The survey is online at education.wa.edu.au and is open for three weeks from 9.00am on Friday 27 November 2020 and will close at 5.00pm on Friday 18 December 2020. If you do not have access to the internet, you are welcome to visit your local school during school hours for assistance. Please contact your local school to arrange a suitable time. There will also be community information sessions held for each school community. Details on when these will be held will be provided shortly.

The outcomes of the consultation process will help inform any decisions by the State Government about public secondary schooling in the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area.

Q. Can I attend a community information session?

A. Yes, there are three community information sessions being held:

- Mindarie Senior College – Tuesday 1 December 2020 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Mindarie Senior College sports hall, 14 Elliston Parade, Mindarie. If you wish to attend, please register your interest at info.mindarie.sc@education.wa.edu.au.
- Kinross College – Wednesday 2 December 2020 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Kinross College performing arts theatre, Falkland Way, Kinross. If you wish to attend, please register your interest at <https://www.trybooking.com/BNCNY>.
- Clarkson Community High School – Thursday 3 December 2020 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Clarkson Community High School gymnasium, 16 Walyunga Boulevard, Clarkson. If you wish to attend, please register your interest at Clarkson.CHS@education.wa.edu.au.

Physical distancing measures will apply at all community information sessions.

Q. Will staff at any of the schools lose their jobs?

A. All permanent staff are employees of the Department of Education and are guaranteed continuity of employment. All fixed term contracts will be honoured.

Q. Under Option 1, why is Clarkson Community High School being repurposed?

A. Currently, there are more secondary schools than are required for the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area. As at Semester 2, 2020 Clarkson Community High School had a total enrolment of 325 students with accommodation for 980 students. Clarkson Community High School continues to experience a decline in enrolments.

Continued low enrolments at Clarkson Community High School have resulted in reduced curriculum offerings, particularly ATAR courses.

Q. What does repurposed mean?

A. The State Government may look to find another educational use for the facility.

Q. Will any changes disrupt students already enrolled at the schools?

A. High quality education is the main focus in managing any change to public schooling. The Department of Education works closely with school leaders and others whenever changes are made to schools to ensure they do not impact on student learning and wellbeing.

Q. Will there be any changes to school local-intake areas?

A. Changes to local intake areas could be made to accommodate the needs of all students. This depends on any decision by the State Government following the consultation process.

Q. Is funding allocated to implement outcomes of the consultation?

A. Any decision by the State Government about changes to public schooling in the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area will be appropriately funded. This also applies to any building requirements.

Q. What will happen to the information gathered as part of the consultation process?

A. Outcomes of the consultation process will help inform any decisions by the State Government about public secondary schooling in the Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area.

Q. When will a decision be made?

A. The community consultation process will conclude on Friday, 18 December 2020. Feedback will be presented to the Minister for Education and Training who will inform the community when a decision is made.

Q. What is the timeframe for any changes to take place once a decision is made?

A. Should the State Government decide to change secondary schooling in Clarkson, Kinross and Mindarie area, planning would need to be done. There is no timeframe as yet.