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## **Premier and Local MLA to Visit Willetton Senior High School**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said the Premier's tour of Willetton Senior High School on Thursday 7 July at 11am was a wonderful opportunity for Colin Barnett to see for himself the successes that the school has achieved.

"I have organised for the Premier to visit Willetton Senior High School because it is achieving extremely high results despite having a large student population and ageing infrastructure," said Dr Nahan.

"The school, which was built in 1976, has 1900 students this year, making it one of the largest public school campuses in the State. Despite these huge numbers, it is very well run by Principal Chris Booth and his staff and its outstanding academic achievements embody that."

"Last year, 56 students from the school won Curriculum Council Awards and 15 students scored an ATAR of 99 and above."

"Willetton is also leading the way with its ground-breaking Engineering programme run by teachers Brett Boughton and Paul Hogg, who late last year, won the national Engineers Australia Award for Excellence in Teaching."

"Willetton Senior High School currently has 23 transportable classrooms and the majority of them are over 20 years old. The Premier will undertake a tour of the school, including the mathematics classroom, the science and English block, the Japanese classroom and the VET kitchen classroom."

"The Premier will also meet with the staff and with the School's Board to discuss the school's plan for an upgrade."

"I am very pleased that the Premier has agreed to undertake this visit to the Riverton electorate. It will provide him with the opportunity to familiarise himself with the school's future plans and to meet members of our community and small business owners during his walk through Southlands Shopping Centre after the school visit."

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