



# School combo pack idea

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## MP FLOATS TWO-IN-ONE PLAN

COMBINING Kent Street Senior High School and Como Secondary College to make the "Shenton College of the South East" is one idea Victoria Park MLA Ben Wyatt is keen to hear feedback on.

Over the next two weeks, parents and citizens associations and principals in the Victoria Park as well as some in the South Perth electorates can expect to receive a discussion paper from Mr Wyatt.

My Wyatt spoke to State Parliament last week about the paper he had prepared asking for a local discussion around several ideas, in particular the development of a new primary school on Millen Primary School's grounds and the idea of combining Kent Street Senior High School and Como Secondary College.

He said since 2009 there had

been a 65 per cent increase in student population at Millen Primary School but very little money spent on maintenance.

"Millen Primary school has become the overflow school in Victoria Park," he said.

He said the Department of Education owned land around the school, which means a new school could be built without any disruption to the existing school.

Millen Primary School Parent and Citizens president Andrew Macpherson said the staff at the primary school were excellent and they needed a



**Ben Wyatt**

school that matched their efforts and catered for the broad demographic at the school.

"If anything, it is the infrastructure that needs the most improvement and if that can be done with minimal disruption to the school then we would support it," he said.

Mr Wyatt wants feedback on what people in the electorates want out of their local primary and high schools.

"People are happy with the primary schools... but since I was elected I have noticed a dissatisfaction growing with our high schools," he said.



**John McGrath**



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“If we combine these two high schools to cater for 1500-2000 students, we could have the resources to offer a variety of courses.”

South Perth MLA John McGrath said he was prepared to work with Mr Wyatt in a bipartisan way to achieve the best educational outcome for young

people in the electorates.

“I am proud of what has been achieved at Como Secondary College, which should have been made a GATE school before now because of its excellent maths and science programs,” he said.

“Mr McGrath said that a problem facing the school was

the age of buildings and facilities and said he had been highlighting that to the Government for eight years.



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