LETTER ON BUS OVERCROWDING AT ASHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The Hon. Ben Carroll MP Minister for Public Transport 121 Exhibition Street Melbourne, VIC 3000

Dear Minister,

RE: Improving Bus Accessibility for Students at Ashwood High School

We write to you as representatives of the constituent families and students at Ashwood High School regarding the issue of school bus overcrowding.

We thank you and your staff for our previous discussions and also for the departments assistance in meeting with us on this matter.

Thomas, a Year 8 student, initially wrote to us earlier this year detailing the problem. Crowded buses mean many students are left waiting after school or forced to walk long distances, and this can lead to further accessibility issues for disabled students whom are unable to utilise the bus service comfortably.

Ashwood High School Student Representative Council and the Parents and Friends Network Committee have also raised with us the prevalence of bus overcrowding. In April, Will and I met with the SRC to hear their concerns and the daily issues and its importance.

The bus route tavels down Huntingdale Road and connects numerous students from Ashwood High to Oakleigh Station, so it is of interest to both Burwood and Mount Waverley constituents that we can find a solution.

We would greatly appreciate if you could provide your personal attention to this issue in order to expidate a positive outcome for students.

Yours sincerely,

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