



Dear SCBC community,

Increased attraction of families to our college community, and a subsequent increase in student numbers, has created a few growth-related challenges, especially carparking at peak times.

I'm writing to express sincere thanks and appreciation for your supportive patience. Effective today, staff are parking on the school oval, to help increase space for your vehicles.

I've appreciated related feedback, including concerns and suggestions. The purpose of this email is to provide some context and share some solutions.

In a spirit of shared problem solving, Teaching staff are parking along the fence-line of the college's oval, as a means of increasing available car bays at the start and end of each day.

Seeking your help to maintain a focus on student safety

As a means of reducing danger to our children, please park in the increasingly available parking bays.

Parking on the verge very close to the pathways on Gnangara Drive obstructs the view for student's crossing the entry and exit paths to the college. It also makes it difficult for vehicles to see children when entering or leaving the college carpark.

Background

Approximately 9 years ago, the College committed to a 5 Stage, Master Plan. SCBC is being transformed in alignment with the original Plan.

The Plan provides excellent facilities for up to 1300 students. SCBC current has 1150 enrolled Primary and Secondary students. Childcare caters for approximately 120 placements each week.

Stage 1A, then 1B were completed to create our STEM Building. Our students now enjoy an exceptional standard of STEM facilities.

When I commenced 10 years ago, I initiated exit-interviews (i.e. lunch with the Principal) with all Year 12 students.

One of the questions was: '*What do you think future students will want for the College?*'

The majority of responses included the continuation of a family friendly school community, great staff, and a Sports Centre. Last year's graduates hi-lighted their value of Christian faith.

I've continued meeting with all Year 12 students, and every year, ask for them to share insights that can help create a great school for the future.

The Sports Centre has its origins in the hopes of past students. Construction will begin this year. It is planned in 3 sub-stages; Stage 2A (Gymnastics), 2B,(more indoor courts) and 2C (offices and classrooms).

Current challenge – Increased onsite carparking & Council improvements to local roads

Rockingham Council have been a continuous support and encouragement of education services by South Coast Baptist College.

Coming into this year, we had the pleasure of welcoming approximately 130 new students and their families. We love helping our students thrive. Their educational needs remain our focus.

Acknowledging local growth, the Council initiated improved roadworks. These have coincided with a requirement for SCBC to increase on-site carparking facilities.

Higher than expected student numbers, local Council initiated roadworks, and the bringing-forward of pre-planned additional carparking, has resulted in increased congestion at peak times.

The on-site carpark (i.e. on college grounds) will be completed in approximately 2 weeks. Rockingham Council are helping us stay informed about progress on local roadworks.

Sincere apologies for any related inconvenience you may have recently experienced. Thank you for your patience as we have engaged in shared problem solving, reflected in the below solutions.

SOLUTIONS

Short term (as of Monday, 10th May)

- Staff College staff will commence parking on the school oval, effective as of Monday 10th May.
- Parents If dropping your child/ren off in the front carpark during peak times, please **turn left** (not right) when exiting the carpark, as shown on the school's carpark exit sign.

Medium term (approximately 2 weeks)

- Staff After approximately 2 weeks, college staff will commence using the new, on-site staff carpark.
- Parents If dropping your child/ren off in the front carpark in peak times, please **turn left** when exiting the carpark. Turning right causes traffic congestion and increases the risk of an accident.
- College Approximately 7 years ago, the College obtained a consultant Engineer's Report to improve traffic flow. At the time it was unaffordable. The plan is now being up-dated.

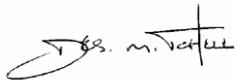
Medium to Long term (between 2 weeks, and the end of the school year)

- Staff Continued use of the new staff carparking zone.
- Parents Continue **turning left** out of the college in peak drop-off and pick-up times.
- College Prior advice of foreseeable change, then implementation of the upgraded Kiss & Ride provision to the front carpark.

We have much to look forwards to as our college continues to increasingly align with the contemporary learning needs of our students.

Thanks again for helping us make South Coast Baptist College a safe, great place to be.

With appreciation,



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