

Dear Hurlstone Community,

Over the last couple of weeks ongoing discussion has been sent through to me on key points of concern about Hurlstone moving forward to modernize and update the Hurlstone boarding school and farm facilities. In December 2019 it was announced that Hurlstone was to stay at the Glenfield site.

I have received requests from the alumni about the thoughts and concerns from other members of the Hurlstone community. I wish to share these with everyone.

1. What is now going to happen to the Hurlstone Boarding school facilities, at present they are in a poor state of repair, will they now be updated and brought forward to present day standards. What is the amount of money that will now be made available to update these boarding facilities so that it meets present day codes and standards and follows child wellbeing policies?
Does the updates also include our pool to be updated and repaired which was dug out by hand by the students in 1957.
2. How much of our land will be retained for our working farm? Does this include updates to our animal/livestock facilities whilst following the latest animal welfare standards? Will the dairy herd of our Ayrshires be retained and the bloodline of the oldest Ayrshire line in Australia continue to grow and flourish? Questions have been sent through about our students continuing to learn Agriculture and learning new updated farming practices with new Agricultural classrooms and associated facilities. Alumni has seen that our old Agricultural classrooms have been knocked down to make way for our new STEAM building.
3. Questions have been raised about the lack of clarity from the state government offices. No new ideas or plans/proposals have been put forward yet and costings involved to make our boarding school and farm successful and modern.
4. Questions about the validity of the Landcom articles which indicates that Hurlstone land where the farm is may have been already sold off. Many local real estate agents have indicated they have been approached by Landcom to give estimates of various house block sizes. It contradicts what the governmental offices are saying to us. Many Alumni have been informing us of this rather concerning news.

We ask our Hurlstone community to reach out to their local members about their concerns, or our local member Anoulack Chanthivong (macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or contact the premier of NSW Gladys Berejiklian Ph 94394199.

Kind regards

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