

Chief Executive Officer
City of South Perth
South Terrace
South Perth WA 6151

20 July 2023

Dear Mr Bradford,

Over the last 100 years, the College has made a significant cultural contribution to the local community of South Perth and remains steadfast in its commitment and desire to further enhance the social fabric of the city.

Wesley College has formed a unique partnership with Penrhos College to bring about much needed infrastructure investment in Rowing, an integral part of both Colleges' sports programs.

Since 1956, Wesley has been a member of the Public Schools Association (PSA). This membership is part of the College's identity. As part of this long-standing membership, the College is mandated to deliver and actively compete in Rowing alongside other mainstream sports.

Rowing is a unique sport and over the years the number of crews and boats required to run the sport adequately, safely and in line with PSA requirements has increased significantly. The safety requirements of water-based sports as governed by the Department of Education has become more sophisticated and regulated. When the Boatshed was first built, Wesley required 4 boats to compete in PSA Regattas. In 2023, 12 boats are required for the competition. Every crew must have a staff member and tinnie present at every training session. Both factors have made the current shed completely inadequate. Further to this, while Wesley and Penrhos can share motorboats, the crews each require their own boats for the respective Colleges. This is due to the size and weight differences, making youth men boats too large and heavy for youth women.

The College has enjoyed a meaningful and productive relationship with the CoSP with the provision of a Boatshed on the foreshore under a lease agreement. This has been in place for decades.

Unfortunately, the infrastructure of the Boatshed is no longer fit for purpose. It has one toilet for staff and student use, limited room to operate and manoeuvre large boats safely and is unable to house the number of boats in addition to Penrhos College requirements. The existing Boatshed is aesthetically an eyesore and is much need of replacement.

After losing access to their Boatshed, Penrhos College, at the request of the CoSP Officers approached Wesley College to investigate a partnership to accommodate their Rowing program. Wesley College accepted the invitation to explore possibilities.

In accepting this responsibility, the College is unable to move forward without due regard and support from the CoSP to replace the existing Boatshed. There are no other viable solutions or locations.

In keeping with CoSP Local Planning Strategy and The South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan, the two Colleges have designed a modest Boatshed, compared to other boatsheds completed on the Swan River in the last 3 years, with a commitment to safe-guarding and increasing environmental responses to landscaping, community amenity, accessibility, and safety.

Wesley College is committed to working alongside the CoSP to deliver a mutually beneficial planning outcome for all stakeholders.

The College stands ready to commit financially to this project in line with its Strategic and Master Plans and seeks the city's support to progress this exciting infrastructure project for the benefit of the local community, men and women in sport and a holistic education for young people.

Your faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'RB' followed by the name 'Barron'.

Mr Ross Barron
Head of College