



BASS COAST JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Community Engagement Report

Since 2015, the Victorian Government has invested more than \$5.6 billion to build new schools and modernise more than 1,400 existing ones. It has committed to continue that record funding and open 100 new schools by 2026.

The Victorian Government has committed to building a new junior secondary school to provide a great local school for young people across Bass Coast.

The new school will provide more accessible local public education options, which reflects careful planning undertaken using population projections for the area.

The Victorian School Building Authority has been considering a range of locations for the new school.

The new school will seek to boost educational outcomes by giving young people more opportunities to experience high-quality teaching practices and the best conditions for learning, while improving the transition through each stage of education.

ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT

We engaged with students, teachers, parents and community members from the Bass Coast community from 23rd May to 14th June 2019, on current education options, priorities and the best location for a new school facility.

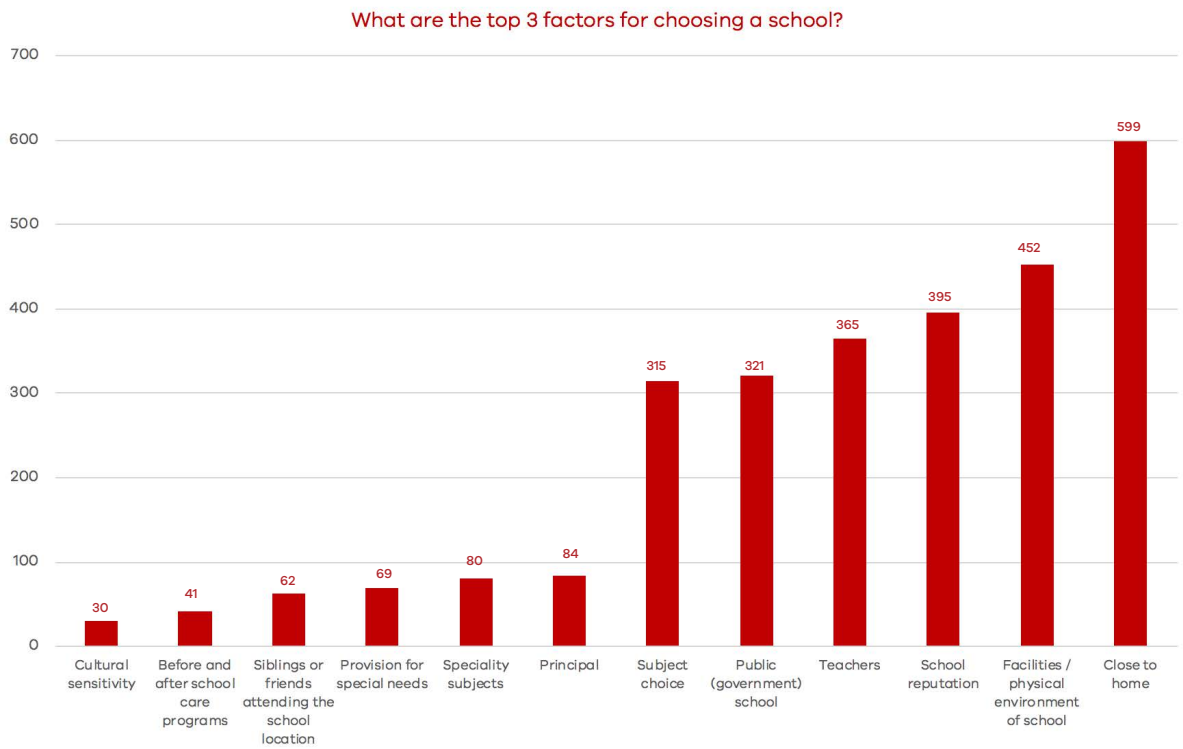
In particular, we wanted to know where the school should be located, what the community feels are the most important factors when choosing a school, as well as what current secondary schools parents are considering for their children.

This reports details what we heard from your community during this engagement.

WHAT WE HEARD

We heard from the participants that it was important that the school is **centrally located** and is **easily accessible** for parents, students and teachers around the region.

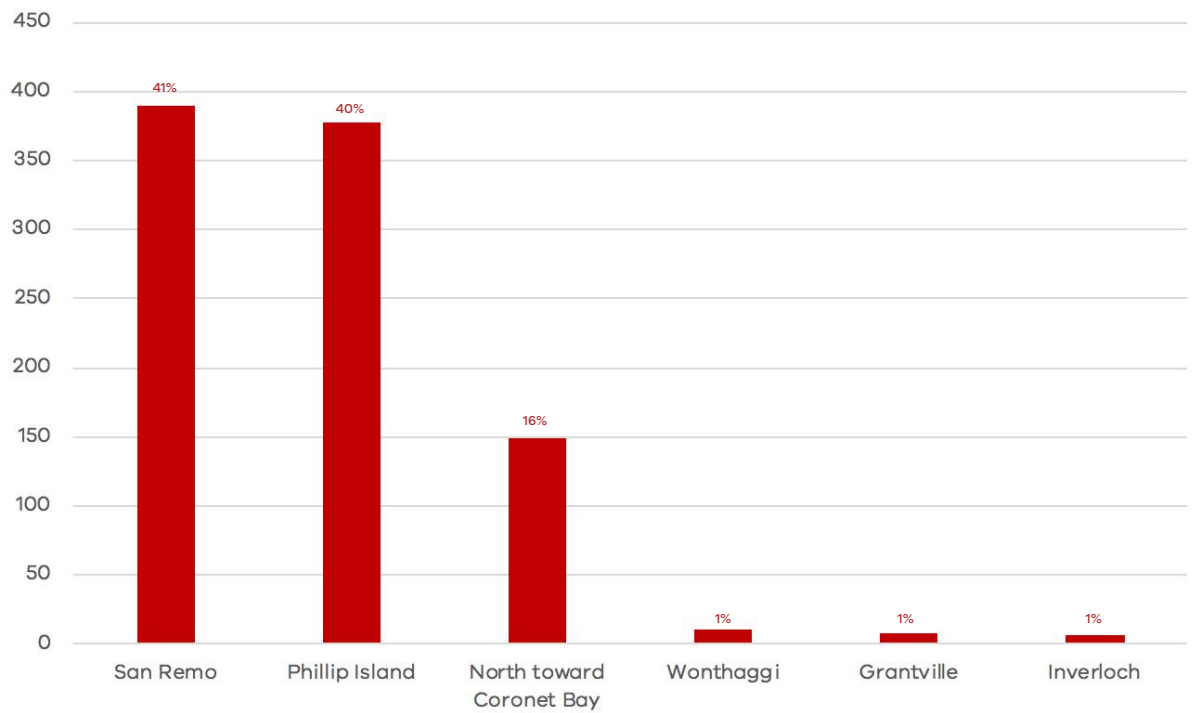
Participants also noted that other aspects that were important for them when choosing a school are **good facilities, strong reputation, good curriculum and educational outcomes, great teachers, and a preference for public schooling.**



When asked which location was their preference and why, most respondents said they **wanted the school to be close to them**, with the majority choosing San Remo and mainland locations:

- San Remo (**41%**)
- Phillip Island (**40%**)
- North towards Coronet Bay and Corinella (**16%**)
- Wonthaggi, Grantville or Inverloch (**3%**)

Where should the new school go?

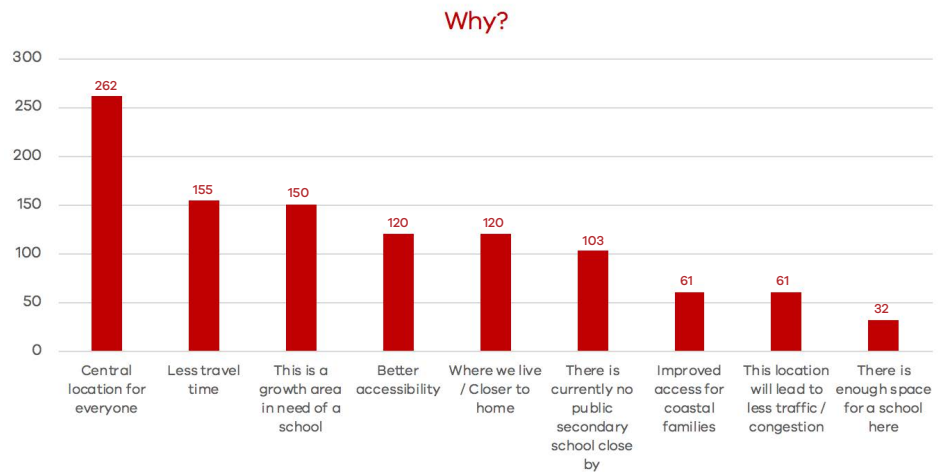


IN DETAIL: YOUR IDEAS

This section presents the detailed findings for each of the key questions we asked the community, students, teachers and parents:

Do you have a preferred location for the new junior secondary school and why?

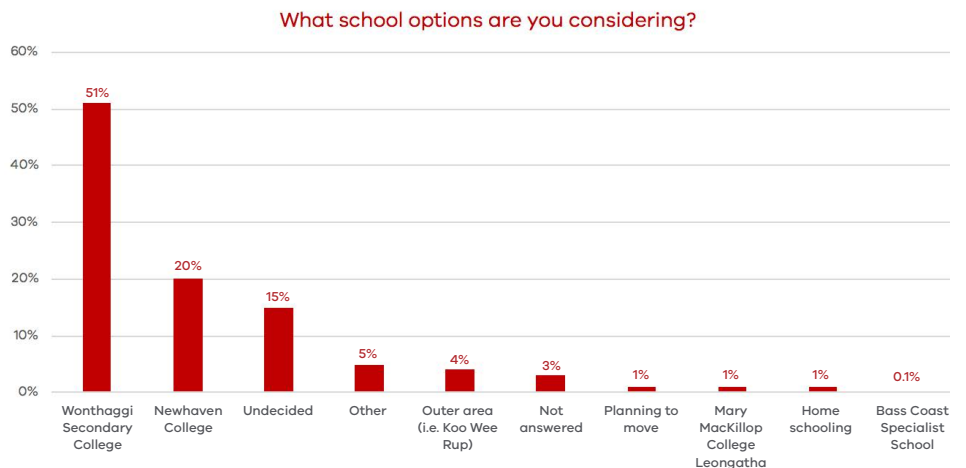
Four of the top five reasons that respondents gave for their choice of a school location related to how easy it was going to be for them and others to get to and from that location.



What secondary school options are you thinking about?

At present, residents of the region have two choices for secondary schools close to their home: Wonthaggi Secondary College and Newhaven College.

Only a few people (15%) are considering options further afield.





Next steps

The Victorian Government has committed to opening the new Bass Coast Junior Secondary School in 2022.

The Victorian School Building Authority will now work to finalise a site in the San Remo area, in line with your feedback.

To stay up to date with the progress of the Bass Coast Junior Secondary School, please visit [schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au](https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au)

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