



Community consultation strategy overview

Strengthening the future provision of secondary education in the inner Sydney area

Background

The Department of Education and Communities is seeking stakeholder and community feedback on how to best strengthen the future provision of secondary education in the inner Sydney area. The establishment of the Inner City Schools Working Party was announced in late 2012 to assist in the ongoing review of primary and secondary public education in the inner Sydney area.

After considering the public education needs of growing numbers of primary-aged school students in the Ultimo/Pymont area and recommending the construction of a new, larger primary school, the Working Party now has the task of understanding and assessing the demand and options for public secondary education in the inner Sydney area.

Purpose

We encourage all those with an interest in the future of secondary public education in inner Sydney to participate in the consultation. The Working Party would like feedback on the:

- options for managing secondary educational needs in the short term (1 – 4 years);
- options for managing secondary educational needs in the medium to long term (5 – 12 years); and,
- best way to create public secondary schools that meet current and future educational demands in a highly urbanised environment with finite resources.

Objectives

The objectives for consultation for planning for secondary education in the inner Sydney area are to:

- introduce the consultation process and invite participation from stakeholder groups and people who have an interest;
- provide a number of different ways in which stakeholder groups and the community can participate in consultation activities;
- facilitate feedback and consultation from key stakeholder groups and the community so that the full range of issues, concerns and ideas can be heard and considered;
- ensure that the conversation about planning for public secondary education in the inner Sydney area is broadly representative of wider community expectations and priorities;
- identify and acknowledge the breadth of issues, concerns and ideas and demonstrate the challenges for the Department in considering and weighing up each option; and,
- provide feedback to participants, stakeholder groups and the wider community on what was raised, how it was considered and how it has influenced the final recommendations.

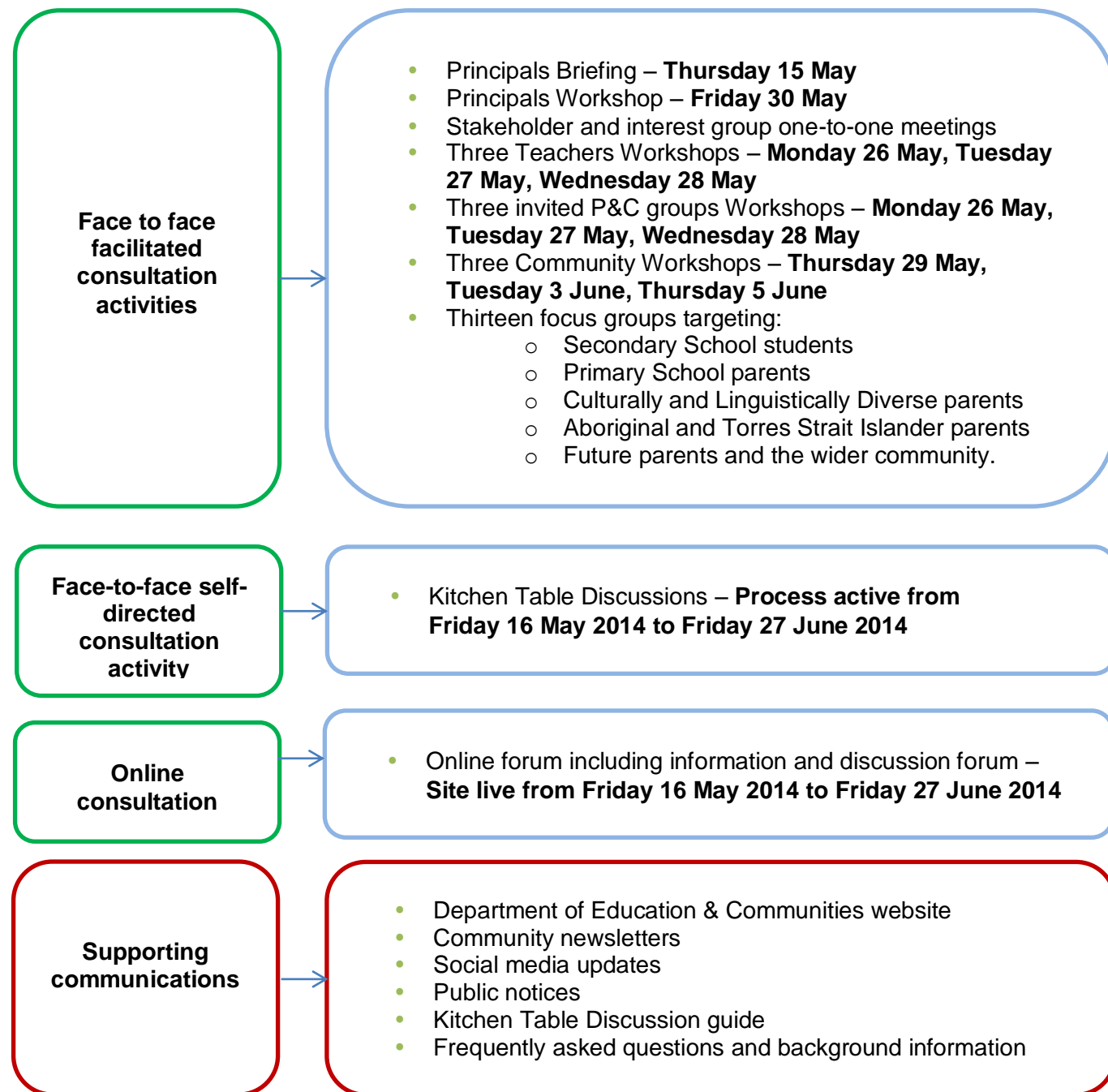
Important stakeholder and community members

We encourage all those with an interest in the future of public secondary education in inner Sydney to participate in the consultation including:

- Principals, teachers, P&C groups and students for primary and secondary schools;
- NSW Teachers Federation, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) and local interest groups; and,
- The wider inner Sydney community.

Consultation activities

There are a wide range of opportunities for stakeholders and the wider community to participate.



Consultation outcomes

Consultation outcomes will be reported in a series of publicly available issues summaries identifying the ideas, options and matters raised. The Department of Education and Communities will consider the outcomes of the community consultation, along with demands and capacity analysis, to help shape its recommendations.

For further information on the consultation and how to participate please visit www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation