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## **Coast Community Church and Coast Christian School Announcement**

On behalf of the Boards of Coast Community Church and Coast Christian School, we are pleased to announce that Coast Christian School is planning to commence a High School in 2027, with both boards supporting this decision unanimously.

The Elders and School Boards view the decision as an expansion of the mission of Coast Community – both within the context of the school, and church.

Throughout this year, the School Board have completed due diligence with planners, designers, consultants and builders that culminated in presenting a business case to the Elders for the expansion of the school. Alongside this, we have endeavoured to discern God's will for His church in the decision making process. Whilst the decision is significant and marks the start of the journey, there are many further steps and approvals that will be required in order for the High School to commence in 2027.

The School is committed to commencing at least a single class of Year 7 students in 2027, and continuing the expansion in the following years. Advice from our consultants is that in order to gain the approvals required for this expansion, the Church will need to purchase the 2.5 acres behind the school, known as 37A Bundaleer Crescent. Preliminary discussions have been held with the owners of the property, and with Churches of Christ NSW & ACT to enable this acquisition. Acquisition of this additional land will allow bushfire requirements to be met, although school buildings will not be built on that part of the site.

From the Church perspective, acquisition of the additional land would represent various ministry and mission opportunities, such as mid-week groups, Coast Community Care, Recovery groups, re-starting Groundforce, counselling services and other such things. To dream on how God has placed us in this community with an opportunity to be outward-facing in these ways is exciting.

We have appreciated the support of the church in praying alongside us this year and trust that you will continue to support us next year as the planning continues. Should you have any questions in relation to this announcement, please do not hesitate to talk with one of us.

We look forward to keeping you updated on how this exciting ministry opportunity progresses over the next two years.

Blessings,

**Dan McPhee**  
Chair of Elders

**Tim Cornish**  
School Board Chair

**Matthew Drennan**  
School Principal