

St Paul's School @ Champion Street

It is with great pleasure that I write, on behalf of Bishop Barry Jones, to inform the St Pauls School Board and community that the Minister of Education has agreed to the request for St Pauls School to remain on the Champion St site in St Albans.

The Ministry (MOE) is prepared to enter into a two year lease with the Bishop for this site. At the expiry of two years, provided the lessee (i.e. St Paul's School, on behalf of the Bishop) has fulfilled all the terms in the lease, the parties (MOE and the Bishop) would meet and discuss in good faith whether or not to enter into a further 1 year term; should that be necessary.

At the present time the MOE's legal team in Wellington is drawing up the requisite lease agreement for discussion and finalisation with the Bishop.

This wonderful news affords the Bishop time to finalise the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and thus be in a position to begin to engage the St Paul's parish and school community regarding the future siting of St Paul's School.

On behalf of Bishop Barry, I wish to record our sincere thanks for the continuing generosity and support that the Hon. Anne Tolley (Minister of Education) has provided to St Paul's School.

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