

Attention: Paul Forward
Chair
NSW Planning and Assessment Commission

18 August, 2017

Good afternoon Paul,

My name is Chris Hauritz. I am the substantive Principal of Ocean Shores Public School. I would have liked to have been able to speak at the upcoming public meeting, re the Application by North Byron Parklands to extend their trial approval period, but unfortunately will be away.

Ocean Shores Public School has had a five-year partnership with North Byron Parklands and Splendour in the Grass. During this period the school has benefitted significantly from the support of Splendour in the Grass. We receive an annual contribution of \$5000 (\$25000 over 5 years) to implement a focused music program for students in kindergarten to year 2. This allows us to employ a teacher from the Conservatorium of Music in Lismore to deliver this program to students in their first years of primary school. This enables us to:

- * develop a great appreciation of music in our young students
- * ensure that every student has access to instrumental opportunities
- * share musical performances with the wider community and
- * provide professional learning for staff.

With the support of North Byron Parklands we have been able to make a real difference for students in our community. The partnership has continued to grow and have positive environmental impacts for our school as well. Students have been involved in excursions to the site to learn about different habitats and take part in tree planting and site improvement.

In addition we have been able to develop a wonderful Cross country running track on the site which is now used by local schools to run school, district and regional events. The management team at North Byron Parklands have been extremely supportive in making this happen.

Ocean Shores Public School is the closest school to the North Byron Parklands site. Our partnership is highly valued and I certainly would like it to continue to grow and develop further. The advantages for our school are significant and we look forward to securing the partnership into the future.

Thanks,

Chris Hauritz