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ROSE PARK

Student squeeze

Dan Jervis-Bardy

ROSE Park Primary School has frozen enrolments for 2017 and cannot guarantee local children entry into Reception next year.

Student overcrowding has forced the Grant Ave school to suspend enrolments while it waits for the Education Department to finalise a cap on student numbers.

The school will still offer places to siblings of existing students. It comes after nearby Linden Park Primary School last year accepted only Reception students to help reduce overcrowding.

Enrolments at Rose Park have increased from 374 to 572 in the past five years on the back of strong academic results and an influx of skilled migrants into the area. The school’s capacity is 560 students.

The Liberal Party is calling for a new school in the area.
A haul to be proud of

James Gratton

EASTERN Districts junior athletes are sprinting ahead of the pack after winning 67 medals at the state championships.

The Glenunga club’s medal tally was more than any other club and included 26 golds across the under-9 to under-17 age groups.

Liam Killick, 11, won gold in the 1500 metre walk and bronze in triple jump and long jump at the SA Athletics Stadium at Mile End last month. “It was amazing,” Liam says. “I worked really hard throughout the season at training to perfect my technique (and) go my fastest.

“It paid off in the end when I got the medal around my neck.”

Eastern Districts committee member Brenton Howard says the results are a worthy reward for the athletes’ hard work.

“The kids did a fantastic job,” Mr Howard says. “They do look forward to that one at the end of the year to see where their performances are relative to others around the state.”

Mr Howard credits the results to the many volunteers who give up their time to coach the aspiring athletes, including Commonwealth Games long jumper Margaret Gayen.

Five athletes from the club’s under-13 program will compete in the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Adelaide on April 24th.

Hayden, Liam and Sophie are part of the Eastern Districts Little Athletics Club which won the most medals at the Little Athletics State Championships.

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