

Dear Barbie

Thank you so much for the time you took to meet with us on Monday.  
Sorry that I am slow to write, but internet connection is limited while I am travelling.

I really enjoyed meeting you and Shane. I felt that the school has something different to offer, and is more geared towards the needs of the individual child rather than the masses. I think that this is going to be an essential ingredient in the smooth transition of education for my children from the UK. It seemed to me that you are well placed to be able to ease them into school life in SA, and to maximise the potential of each.

I was overwhelmingly impressed by the nature of the children that I saw around me in the school on our visit. They were happy and informal, very pleasant and welcoming. When we were standing looking lost on just arriving at Oakhills, a senior boy simply walked up to us and asked who we were looking for, and then walked us to your office Barbie. No one prompted him to do this. He just bothered. It was impressive.

I explained to you that I need to make decisions on where I will settle and purchase property, but my feelings are that I need to rearrange my priorities. I think that I will choose a school first, as this is of the utmost importance, rent a house in the vicinity, and then shop for property. This gives me time to settle and get to know the area, and people, and work. But mostly it settles the children, allows them to make friends, keeps them living at home with me, and gets them onto a strong footing from the off.

I haven't had time yet to go through all your literature, but as soon as I have I will get back to you and notify you of my intention.  
Clearly there is also an issue of timing, but I think we may well be looking at an October start.

Once again, thank you.  
You will hear from me as soon as possible.

Sally Rackham