

### **Development Application AGAINST 41 McLaren St**

I am against the application for the new school mostly on the grounds of where I happen to live. As it is, I cannot get out of my property to head towards Mosman until after 9am due to the traffic heading in that direction after dropping off at the school. On top of not being able to leave when I wish to, I also cannot return home before 4pm if I've been out volunteering for the day. As I can never know exactly when I'll be returning, it means I often have to use my horn to access my own property due to cars stopping over our driveway at Wenona pick up time. I know the school is trying to get parents/grandparents to do the right thing but it seldom happens as they wish. With a new school possibly going into 41 McLaren Street, it just means there will be worse traffic than there already is. As I'm aware, there will also be all the people vacating from 168 Walker Street and the only access for that property is also on McLaren St just about opposite from where the exit is planned for. Not only is this a potential issue, but there is also the hotel entrance immediately between the Metro and the only vehicle access to 168 Walker St. With a bunch of people that don't know their way around, there is likely to be a real issue with driving in the area. I am also aware that the Council hardly ever sends a warden around the area to mark cars that have parked illegally. Since I know this is a problem, I'm sure others will work it out quickly too and end up looking for parking on the street rather than drive in and collect their "precious" children. As it is already a huge problem with cars in the area, I can't see that more cars will make our driving any easier – in fact, we might well have to avoid this area entirely and that is simply unfair to those of us that already have been living here for some time - and long before the building up of this area was undertaken.

Not only are cars a real issue, but there will also be a lack of open space for these children to use which means that the already used and misused sporting grounds at St Leonards Park will need to be used yet again. I am well aware, as I walk in that area often, that the park is already used by many schools in the area and don't know how another will be able to slot into the already used and abused Park.

As has already been said, if any of the local schools tried to increase their size, there would be mayhem from the locals and fair enough too. This is just a means of venting my feelings about letting this school go ahead – even with internal changes which will forever change the way the building is seen as a heritage building.

There are already a LOT of schools in this area and that means there are traffic issues for each of them. Please keep this in mind if you allow this to go ahead. Not only are there potential traffic issues on McLaren Street, but also on neighbouring streets due to many schools already in this area. Not only is this a real issue for us locals, but it also has to mean that the Council cannot get any rates from that property any longer.

Thanks, Vicki Harris (also known as Mary Victoria Harris) [REDACTED]