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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

This Environmental Noise Impact Assessment Report has been prepared by Day Design Pty Ltd on behalf of Minarah College (the Applicant). It accompanies an amended State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the construction of a new school, Minarah College (the project) at 268-278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field (the Site).

The legal description of the site is outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Site Details

Property Address	Title Description
268 Catherine Fields Road	Lot 11 in DP 833983
278 Catherine Fields Road	Lot 12 in DP 833784
Site Area	4.50ha

The Amended Development Report (**ADR**) was lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in September 2024. The amended SSDA sought consent for the construction of a co-educational establishment (Minarah College) accommodating 980 students.

The ADR was placed on public exhibition between 17 September 2024 and 28 October 2024. During this time approximately 400 submissions were received from special interest groups, members of the local community, individuals and Council. A further eight (8) submissions were received from NSW Agencies and public authorities.

This report has been prepared to address the Department's request for a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under section 59(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

This Report specifically relates to the following key matters raised during public exhibition:

Item	Description of key issue	Response	Section Reference
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)			
7. Noise	• The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) concludes that predicted demolition, excavation and construction noise would exceed established noise levels provided in section 5.5. Recommended noise control mitigation measures provided in section 7.1 are detailed with provided dB noise reduction values of 3 control types. However, no comparative data between 'before noise controls and 'after noise control' is provided. • Provide details of noise exceedance levels after the application of noise controls and evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed noise control measures.	The assessment of construction noise and vibration emissions during the construction phase of the development are addressed in Day Design's 'Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan' Report, Report No. 7280-1.3R Rev F, dated 8 May 2025, submitted as part of this amended application.	Sections 1 to 9 of the CNVMP.
16. Documentation	**Noise reports:** • Inconsistencies across the Noise reports, design reports, architectural plans, staging report in regard to the heights of the sound barrier walls. • Roof plans per stage are requested to be provided that depict the heights of the sounds barrier walls around rooftop mechanical plant and equipment.	The ENIA and CNVMP have been updated to include information provided by the project manager to ensure consistency across all documents. Day Design understand the architectural plans have been amended to include the depict the heights of the sound barrier wall around the rooftop mechanical plant and equipment for each stage of the development.	Section 8.2 & Appendix C Section 8.2 & Appendix C
Additional (DPHI) Comments (via email)			
	Inconsistencies with the heights of the noise walls identified in the Noise Impact Assessment and	The ENIA and CNVMP have been updated to include information provided by the	Section 8.2 & Appendix C

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	the heights recorded in the Staging Report, Architectural Reports and Design Report.	project manager to ensure consistency across all documents.	
	Confirmation of the proposed operating hours of each component of the development. The operating hours of the Halls are recommended to be restricted between 9 am and 9:30 pm on page 116 of the Environmental Noise Impact Assessment (ENIA) report.	The ENIA and CNVMP have been updated to include information provided by the project manager to ensure consistency across all documents. Assessment of OSHC area included in this ENIA.	Section 3.0, 6.1.7, 6.2.8, 6.3.8 & 6.4.8
	The department have requested that the further information is provided on the type and intensity of the use of the sports field outside of school hours and that the traffic, WMA and Acoustic reports are reflective of the uses.	The ENIA and CNVMP have been updated to include information provided by the project manager to ensure consistency across all documents, including information about the type and intensity of the use of the sports field outside of school hours	Section 3.0, 6.1.4, 6.1.8.3, 6.2.5, 6.2.9.4, 6.3.5, 6.3.9.4, 6.4.5, 6.4.9.4 & 8.1.1
Camden Council			
Noise Impact	***Noise associated with school operation*** The Environmental Noise Impact Assessment Report submitted as part of the Amended SSDA demonstrates that acoustic compliance is only achieved during Stage 1 of the development. To reduce the acoustic impact on the neighbouring residential receivers, acoustic walls ranging from 1.5 m to 2.4 m are required within the proposed school and along the boundary. The proposed acoustic walls, which includes a 1.8 m to 2 m high colorbond fence extending along the entire length of the side and rear property boundaries, will	This report has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's (DoPE) State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (formerly Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities 2017). This report identifies that the noise from children participating in **outdoor play (only)**, will at times, exceed the numerical control detailed within the Camden DCP (and Environmental Noise Policy (2018) criteria). However,	Sections 6.1.8.1, 6.2.9.1, 6.3.9.1, 6.4.9.1, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3.

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	have a negative impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding rural landscape. Furthermore, despite the proposed acoustic walls and façade treatments, the acoustic amenity of at least three residential receivers will be impacted by children during outdoor play by +1 dB to +6 dB.	according to Part 3.4, Section 3.36 (9) of the SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 'a provision of a development control plan that specifies a requirement, standard or control in relation to development of a kind referred to in subsection (1), (2), (3) or (5) is of no effect, regardless of when the development control plan was made'. The proposed development (SSD-30759158) is development for the purpose of an educational establishment which is within a prescribed zone. Therefore, the proposed development is of a kind referred to in subsection (1) and as such the SEPP prevails over the requirements of the Camden DCP. The numerical control provided in Camden Council's DCP 2019 is therefore adopted for guidance only, and is not a mandatory target. Further the note to Control 2.12 of Camden DCP 2019 states – "If there is an inconsistency between the SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (and Child Care Planning Guidelines) and the DCP, the SEPP will take precedence." The SEPP (Schedule 8, Principle 5) requires any application **to consider the amenity of adjacent development and the local neighbourhood**. This report **considers the amenity of adjacent**	

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		development and the local neighbourhood via noise level predictions, noise controls recommendations, and an Offensive Noise Test in Sections 6.1.8.1, 6.2.9.1, 6.3.9.1, 6.4.9.1, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 for the use of the outdoor play areas. Day Design consider that the requirements of the SEPP have been satisfied. With reference to *'2 m high colorbond fence extending along the entire length of the side and rear property boundaries'*, no such fence(s) is recommended in the ENIA(s) with the visual amenity impact being outside of Day Design's area of expertise.	
	Construction noise The Construction Noise & Vibration Management Plan submitted as part of the Amended SSDA outlines the noise emissions from works to be undertaken over the various stages of the proposed development. The main source of noise will be from heavy machinery such as excavators, dump trucks, cranes, cement mixers and rock breakers. Noice exceedances (without controls) for residential receivers range from +3 dB up to +40 dB. Section 7.2 of the Report outlines noise management controls aimed at managing the impacts on neighbours and include:	The assessment of construction noise and vibration emissions during the construction phase of the development are addressed in Day Design's 'Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan' Report, Report No. 7280-1.3R Rev F, dated 8 May 2025, submitted as part of this amended application.	Sections 1 to 9 of the CNVMP.

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	• Periods of respite – noisy construction activities only operate for 2 to 3 hours at a time. • Work practices – workers and contractors be trained in work practices to minimise noise emissions. • Heavy vehicles and staff vehicles – keep truck drivers informed of designated vehicle routes, parking location, acceptable delivery hours etc. • Community relations – a Community Liaison Officer be appointed to ensure communication is maintained with neighbours prior to and throughout the construction process. • Managing a noise complaint – the Community Liaison Officer should receive and manage all noise complaints. Despite the proposed controls, acoustic exceedances will still be encountered by several adjoining residential receivers. Based on the proposed timeframes for the construction of the four stages of the development, it is unreasonable for the acoustic amenity of residents to be impacted for a period of approximately 3.3 years. Furthermore, given the proposed 'periods of respite' (to limit noise generating construction works to 2 to 3 hours a day), it is likely that development works will take longer than the timeframe(s) outlined in Section 4.2 of the report.		

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	Overall, the proposed development is considered to have an unreasonable impact on the amenity of the surrounding area, both during construction and ongoing operation.	In accordance with the requirements of the SEPP *(Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* for the ENIA, and Australian Standard AS2436:2010 *"Guide to noise and vibration control on construction, demolition and maintenance sites"* and the EPA's *Interim Construction Noise Guideline 2009* and *Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline 2006* for the CNVMP, reasonable and feasible mitigation measures have been recommended within the ENIA and CNVMP with **consideration to the acoustic amenity of adjacent developments and the local neighbourhood**.	Sections 1 to 10 of the ENIA and Sections 1 to 9 of the CNVMP.

This Report concludes that the proposed educational establishment as amended is suitable and warrants approval subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures recommended in Section 8.0.

Following the implementation of the above mitigation measures, the remaining impacts are appropriate.

1.2 The Proposal

The amended application seeks consent for the construction of a co-educational establishment (Minarah College) accommodating 980 students. The school will comprise of an Early Learning Centre (ELC) for 60 students, a School for Specific Purpose (SSP) for 30 students, a primary school accommodating 505 students and a high school for 385 students. The new school will be constructed in four stages, growing in line with growth in the local population. Specifically, consent is sought for:

- Demolition of the existing dwellings and ancillary structures on-site;
- Bulk earthworks across the site;
- The construction of the following:
  - One-storey early learning centre;
  - Two-storey administration building, with attached outside school hours care (OSHC), and wellbeing room;
  - Two-storey primary school building comprising of primary school classrooms;
  - School for Specific Purpose classrooms;
  - Primary school hall;
  - Two-storey high school building comprising high school classrooms;
  - Two-storey high school hall;
  - Shared one-storey canteen adjoining the high school building;
  - Shared library located on the second storey above the ELC and Food and Textiles building below; and
  - A full sized sport field.
- Site access from Catherine Fields Road at two points;
- Works within Catherine Fields Road to allow for a right-turn bay from Catherine Fields Road and bus bays on the eastern side of Catherine Fields Road;
- Removal of trees and replacement planting and landscaping;
- Associated site landscaping and public domain improvements;
- On-site car parking; and
- Construction of ancillary infrastructure and utilities as required.

The purpose of this Environmental Noise Impact Assessment Report is to assess the potential noise impact the proposal may have on the acoustic amenity of the adjacent developments and the local neighbourhood.

1.3 The Site

The site is located at 268-278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field, Dharawal Country, NSW and is legally described as Lot 11 in DP 833983 and Lot 12 in DP 833784. The site is located within Camden local government area (LGA) and has a site area of approximately 4.50 ha.

The site is in a typical large lot rural residential subdivision area. The site has a gentle fall from the east to west with a minor ridgeline along the east to west axis. Diagonal falls lead to the southwest and north west areas of the site. The northern and eastern boundaries of the site are characterised by remnant regenerating bushland, whilst majority of the site is former pastureland with sparsely scattered trees.

Both lots contain rural residential dwellings with ancillary farm structures including numerous sheds, farm buildings and water tanks. Lot 11 contains two prominent dams.

Figure 1 – Site Context Map 1

Figure 2 – Site Context Map 2

1.4 Response to SEARS

This Environmental Noise Impact Assessment Report is required by the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for **SSD-30759158**. This table identifies the SEARs and relevant reference within this report.

Table 2 SEARS & Relevant Reference

SEARs Item	Report Reference
11. Noise and Vibration • *Provide a noise and vibration assessment prepared in accordance with the relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. The assessment must detail construction and operational noise (including any public-address system, events, and out of hours use of school facilities) and vibration impacts on nearby sensitive receivers and structures, considers noise intrusion, and outline the proposed management and mitigation measures that would be implemented.*	*See Sections 2.0 to 10.0 of this report for operational noise assessment.* *The assessment of construction noise and vibration emissions during the construction phase of the development are addressed in Day Design's 'Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan' Report, Report No. 7280-1.3R Rev F, dated 8 May 2025, submitted as part of this amended application.*

2.0 CONSULTING BRIEF

Day Design Pty Ltd was engaged by Midson Group on behalf of Minarah College to carry out an acoustic assessment of the proposed new education campus to be known as Minarah College at 268-278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field, NSW. This commission involves the following:

Scope of Work:

- Inspect the site and environs
- Measure the background noise levels at critical locations and times
- Establish acceptable noise level criteria
- Quantify noise emissions from the proposed education campus
- Calculate the level of noise emission, taking into account building envelope transmission, screen walls and distance attenuation
- Prepare a site plan identifying the development and nearby noise sensitive locations
- Provide recommendations for acoustical treatment (if necessary)
- Prepare an Environmental Noise Impact Assessment Report.

3.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Minarah College propose to submit an amended State Significant Development Application (SSDA) to construct a new education campus, to be known as Minarah College (the College) at 268-278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field, NSW (the Site).

The Site is situated on land zoned *RU4: Primary Production Small Lots* under Camden Local Environmental Plan (CLEP) 2010, and comprises of two Lots being Lot 11 in DP 833983 (268 Catherine Fields Road) and Lot 12 in DP 833784 (278 Catherine Fields Road). Each of the Lots currently contain a residential dwelling, with associated sheds and auxiliary structures.

The Site is bounded by land zoned *RU4: Primary Production Small Lots* to the north, east and west, and *R5: Large Lot Residential* to the south. Residential dwellings are located on the Lots to the north, north-east, south and west (on the opposite side of Catherine Fields Road). The Lots to the east of the Site contain light industrial type buildings.

The nearest noise sensitive receptors to the Site, in various directions, are shown on Figure 3 and as follows in Table 3.

Table 3 Noise Sensitive Receptors

Receptor and Type	Address	Direction from site
R1 – Residential	286 Catherine Fields Rd	North
R2 – Residential	227-235 Deepfields Rd	North-East
R3 – Light Industrial	225 Deepfields Rd	East
R4 – Residential	16 Heatherfield Cl	South
R5 – Residential	14 Heatherfield Cl	South
R6 – Residential	12 Heatherfield Cl	South
R7 – Residential	260 Catherine Fields Rd	South
R8 – Residential	265 Catherine Fields Rd	South-West
R9 – Residential	271 Catherine Fields Rd	West
R10 – Residential	277 Catherine Fields Rd	West
R11 – Residential	285 Catherine Fields Rd	North-West

The proposal seeks approval for the following:

- Construction of an independent Islamic co-educational school catering for 980 students from Kindergarten to Year 12, consisting of:
  - 505 place Primary School (PS) with school hall;
  - 385 place High School (HS); and
  - 30 place School for Specific Purposes (SSP) – 15 place PS & 15 place HS.
- Construction of a 60 place Early Learning Centre (ELC).

- Construction of shared facilities including – administration building with offices and staff break-out areas, amenities, multi-purpose hall, COLA, landscaped outdoor areas, resource centre (library), 60 place OSHC area, sports field, parking areas and drop off/pick up area/driveway.

The development is to be constructed in four stages. The school will be operating at full capacity from Stage 3. A breakdown of the student and staff numbers across each stage is as follows:

- Stage 1: 2026, 318 students (18 ELC, 290 School, 10, SSP), 15 FTE staff
- Stage 2: 2031, 652 students (42 ELC, 600 School, 10 SSP), 33 FTE Staff
- Stage 3, 2035, 980 students (60 ELC, 890 School, 30 SSP), 51 FTE Staff
- Stage 4, 2037, 980 students (60 ELC, 890 School, 30 SSP), 51 FTE Staff

The total student population at Stage 3 will be 980 students, the staff population will total 45 FTE and 6 SSP staff.

Outside school hours care (OSHC) will be provided from Stage 1, reaching full capacity from Stage 3 and be located in the lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) or primary hall and adjacent primary school outdoor play area, as follows:

- Stage 1: 18 students, lower ground level of the administration building (southern side);
- Stage 2: 42 students, lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) and primary hall and adjacent primary school outdoor play area;
- Stage 3: 60 students, lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) and primary hall and adjacent primary school outdoor play area; and
- Stage 4: 60 students, lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) and primary hall and adjacent primary school outdoor play area.

The full sized sport field is proposed to be used for:

- Minarah sports teams approximately two times a week for training/matches – 5 pm to 9 pm;
- External sports teams for training when not used by Minarah sports teams, outside of school hours;
- Predominantly for school competition, however on occasion may be used by an external club on a weekend;
- On occasion one-off events such as the annual school fete.

Mechanical plant, including but not limited to air conditioning condenser units, will be required to serve the College buildings.

The proposed operating hours for College are:

PS:

- Monday – Friday: 8.20 am – 3.20 pm.

HS:

- Monday – Friday: 8.20 am – 3.20 pm.

SSP:

- Monday – Friday: 8.20 am – 3.20 pm.

ELC:

- Monday – Friday: 7.00 am – 6.00 pm.

OSHC:

- Monday – Friday: 7.00 am – 6.30 pm.

PS Hall:

- Monday – Friday: 7.00 am – 6.30 pm.

Multi-Purpose Hall:

- Monday – Friday: 8.20 am – 9.00 pm; and
- Saturday – Sunday: 9.00 am – 9.30 pm.

Sports Field:

- Monday – Friday: 8.20 am – 9.00 pm; and
- Saturday – Sunday: 9.00 am – 9.00 pm.

Minarah College has provided a *'Proposed Schedule of Regular Events/Meetings'*, attached in Appendix E, to inform the SEARs. Day Design has reviewed Appendix E and note that considering the proposed times, frequencies, limited number of people attending and the nature of the events/meetings, the events/meetings will have a negligible impact on the acoustic amenity of the local neighbourhood. Notwithstanding, worst-case *out of hours* events have been assessed for the use(s) of the multi-purpose hall (Sections 6.2.4, 6.2.9.3, 6.3.4, 6.3.9.3, 6.4.4 & 6.4.9.3) and sports field (Sections 6.1.4, 6.1.8.3, 6.2.5, 6.2.9.4, 6.3.5, 6.3.9.4, 6.4.5 & 6.4.9.4).

The proposal is a State Significant Development (*SSD -30759158*) and has been issued by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs require an assessment against '*the relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines'.* Generally, for educational developments, an assessment against the EPA's *Noise Policy for Industry 2017* and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's (DoPE) *State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Educational Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* and *Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline,* are required.

As the proposal contains an ELC - defined as a *centre-based child care facility* in the CLEP - an assessment against the Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultant's *Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment* and the NSW EPA's *Road Noise Policy* has also been undertaken.

An acoustic assessment of the noise from the outdoor areas, general learning areas (GLAs), public address system and school bell, OSHC, mechanical plant, halls (including *out of hours use*), sports field (including *out of hours use*) and car parks/ driveway has been carried out to ensure the noise impact of the College, will not adversely affect the acoustic amenity of the nearby noise sensitive receptors. In addition, an acoustic assessment of the potential intrusive noise the College may be exposed to, such as from road traffic on Catherin Fields Road has been carried out.

Calculations show that, provided the recommendations in Section 8 of this report are implemented and adhered to, the level of noise emission – with the exception of noise emissions from students in the outdoor areas during active play (Stages 2, 3 & 4) – from the College will meet the acoustic requirements in Camden Council's *Camden Development Control Plan 2019* and *Environmental Noise Policy 2018*, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's *SEPP (Educational Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* and *Child Care Planning Guideline*, NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) *Noise Policy for Industry* and *NSW Road Noise Policy* and the Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC) *Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment*.

Calculations also show that, noise emissions from students in the outdoor areas during active play (Stages 2, 3 & 4) will exceed the numerical control provided in Camden Council's *Camden Development Control Plan 2019* and *Environmental Noise Policy 2018* - considered in this report for guidance only - causing a moderate increase to the existing ambient noise levels at adjacent developments and the local neighbourhood, which may just be noticeable to some listeners.

Also, although not applicable to this site, the proposal will also comply with the requirements of the State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and the Department of Planning and Environment's (DoPE) *Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline.*

Figure 3 - Location Plan, 268 – 278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field, NSW.

4.0 MEASURED NOISE LEVELS

4.1 Existing Ambient Noise Levels

4.1.1 Measured Ambient Noise Levels

In order to assess the severity of a possible environmental noise problem in a residential area it is necessary to measure the ambient background noise level at the times and locations of worst possible annoyance. The lower the background noise level, the more perceptible the intrusive noise becomes and the more potentially annoying.

The ambient L_{90} background noise level is a statistical measure of the sound pressure level that is exceeded for 90% of the measuring period (typically 15 minutes).

The Rating Background Level (RBL) is defined by the Environment Protection Authority (NSW) as the median value of the (lower) tenth percentile of L_{90} ambient background noise levels for day, evening or night periods, measured over a number of days during the proposed days and times of operation.

The places of worst possible annoyance are the nearby residential dwellings. These locations are shown in the Site Plan on Figure 3 as 'R1' to 'R2' and 'R4' to 'R11'. The times of worst possible annoyance will be during the day or evening when the College is operating.

Ambient noise levels were measured at 278 and 268 Catherine Fields Road, shown as Locations 'A' and 'B', respectively, on Figure 3, for the following periods:

- Location 'A'
  - Friday 15 October to Friday 22 October 2021.
- Location 'B'
  - Wednesday 25 August to Wednesday 1 September 2021;
  - Thursday 2 September to Friday 10 September 2021; and
  - Friday 15 October to Friday 22 October 2021.

Note, a noise logger was placed near Location 'A' (circa 25 meters to the north) on Wednesday 25 August 2021. During an inspection on 2 September 2021 to replace the batteries, it was discovered the noise logger had been removed by a third party – at the time of writing this report, the noise logger and associated data have not been recovered.

The early morning, day and evening ambient noise levels are presented in the attached Appendix B1, B2, B3 and B4, and also below in Table 4.

Table 4 Ambient Noise Levels – 268 – 278 Catherine Fields Rd, Catherine Field

Noise Measurement Location	Date & Time Period	L_{90} Rating Background Level	Existing L_{eq} Noise Level
Location 'A' - 278 Catherine Fields Road	*15/10 to 22/10/2021*		
	Early Morning (6.30 am to 7 am)	**45 dBA**	**n/a**
	Day (7 am to 6 pm)	**39 dBA**	**60 dBA**
	Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)	**41 dBA**	**61 dBA**
Location 'B' - 268 Catherine Fields Road	*25/08 to 01/09/2021*		
	Early Morning (6.30 am to 7 am)	**44 dBA**	**n/a**
	Day (7 am to 6 pm)	**36 dBA**	**49 dBA**
	Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)	**35 dBA**	**48 dBA**
	2/09 to 10/09/2021		
	Early Morning (6.30 am to 7 am)	**41 dBA**	**n/a**
	Day (7 am to 6 pm)	**38 dBA**	**49 dBA**
	Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)	**34 dBA**	**44 dBA**
	15/10 to 22/10/2021		
	Early Morning (6.30 am to 7 am)	**42 dBA**	**n/a**
	Day (7 am to 6 pm)	**36 dBA**	**51 dBA**
	Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)	**40 dBA**	**54 dBA**
	25/08 to 01/09/2021, 2/09 to 10/09/2021 & 15/10 to 22/10/2021		
	Early Morning (6.30 am to 7 am)	**42 dBA**	**n/a**
	Day (7 am to 6 pm)	**36 dBA**	**50 dBA**
	Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)	**36 dBA**	**49 dBA**

Meteorological conditions during the monitoring typically consisted of clear skies. Where applicable, rain or wind affected data has been removed from the assessment period. Temperatures ranged from 2 to 27°C from *25/08 to 01/09/2021,* 0 to 28°C from *2/09 to 10/09/2021* and 7 to 27°C from *15/10 to 22/10/2021*. Atmospheric conditions were generally ideal for noise monitoring. Noise measurements were therefore considered reliable and typical for the receptor areas. Meteorological data was gathered from weather station ID 068192 (Camden Airport AWS NSW) circa 9.13 kms away.

Fact Sheet A: Determining existing noise levels, Section A1 of the NPI states the following in relation to determining background noise levels:

Background noise levels need to be determined before intrusive noise can be assessed. The background noise levels to be measured are those that are present at the time of the noise assessment and without the subject development operating. For the assessment of modifications to existing premises, the noise from the existing premises should be excluded from background noise measurements. The exception is where the premises has been operating for a significant period of time and is considered a normal part of the acoustic environment; it may be included in the background noise assessment under the following circumstances:

- *the development must have been operating for a period in excess of 10 years in the assessment period/s being considered and is considered a normal part of the acoustic environment; and*
- *the development must be operating in accordance with noise limits and requirements imposed in a consent or licence and/or be applying best practice.*

Therefore, considering the above, ambient noise measurements should include the noise contribution from the nearby light industrial premises and local agriculture within the local area, as it forms part of the existing acoustic environment – noise from the operation of industrial premises and local agriculture is typical/expected in this area.

Section B1.1 'Instrument requirements and siting', paragraph 2 of the *NPI* requires monitoring to take place at a 'site that is truly representative of the noise environment at the residence'. A representative location with a similar noise environment was selected to conduct the ambient noise measurements on the Site, being adjacent to the potentially and reasonably most affected receiver locations.

Section B1.2 'Measurement procedure', point 2, of the *NPI* specifies that monitoring should take place for 'each day of the week the proposed development will be operating and over the proposed operating hours'.

Section B1.3, under 'Exception' states, '*re-monitoring may not be required, where monitoring contains weather-affected data, if it can be ascertained that the affected samples are not within the expected 'quieter' times of an assessment period (day/evening/night); that is, those time periods where the lowest 10th percentile background noise level might occur.'* Detailed analysis of the weather affected data, shown in Appendix B1 to B4, concluded that majority of the 10th percentile background noise levels occurred during the quieter time periods – being 7 am to 9 am Saturday and Sunday and 9 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday - and were not affected by adverse weather.

In accordance with Fact Sheet A and Fact Sheet B of the NPI, Day Design is of the opinion the measured RBLs in Location 'B' are representative of the noise environment at the most affected residential receivers 'R1' to 'R2' and 'R4' to 'R11', and have been adopted as the assessment RBLs in this report.

4.1.2 Description of Existing Acoustic Environment at Location 'B'

Site inspections of the residential areas surrounding Location 'B' were conducted by the author with the following observations made:

- the area is dominated by local road traffic, local fauna, local light industrial and local agriculture noise;
- through traffic on Catherine Fields Road is intermittent; and
- the area is predominantly large rural residential Lots.

4.2 Measured Road Traffic Noise Levels

The College is directly affected by road traffic noise from Catherine Fields Road, which carries moderately low traffic volumes.

The ambient noise levels measured at Location 'B' are presented in the attached **Appendix B2, B3 and B4**.

Based on the long term measurements from Locations 'B', and the calculation method shown in Appendix B, Section B3 of the NSW Road Noise Policy for the 'overall $L_{Aeq, (1\ hour)}$', the calculated day time traffic noise levels used in the calculations in Sections 6.1.8.6, 6.2.9.7, 6.3.9.8, 6.4.9.8 and 7.0 of this report are shown in Table 5.

Table 5 Calculated $L_{Aeq, 1\ hour}$ Road Traffic Sound Pressure Levels

Description	dBA
Location 'B' – Daytime $L_{Aeq, 1\text{-}hour}$ (7 am – 10 pm)	**50.3**

Note: where the existing road traffic noise level already exceeds the Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criterion shown in Table 7 (Section 5.2.2) below at the residential receiver, an increase of 2 dB is considered negligible – see Section 3.4 of the RNP.

We are of the opinion that the noise levels above in Table 5 are typical for this area, and have adopted these values in the design of noise insulation for the proposed development.

5.0 ACOUSTIC CRITERIA

This Section presents the noise guidelines applicable to this proposal and method adopted to establish the project noise trigger levels.

5.1 NSW Department of Planning and Environment

5.1.1 Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DoPE) issued the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Minarah College development, 268-278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field, NSW (*SSD -30759158, 29 October 2021*). As part of the SEARs, the following requirements relating to acoustics must be satisfied:

'11. Noise and Vibration

> *Provide a noise and vibration assessment prepared in accordance with the relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. The assessment must detail construction and operational noise (including any public-address system, events, and out of hours use of school facilities) and vibration impacts on nearby sensitive receivers and structures, considers noise intrusion, and outline the proposed management and mitigation measures that would be implemented.'*

Note, considering the distances to the nearest potentially affected receivers and the general operation and use of the College, ie students, staff, passenger vehicles, school buses and standard mechanical plant and equipment, is not expected to emit vibration at a level that may cause human discomfort and/or structural damage. Noise and vibration emissions from construction activities on the site are addressed in Day Design's *'Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan'* Report, Report No. 7280-1.3R Rev F, dated 8 May 2025, submitted as part of this amended application.

5.1.2 SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 – Chapter 3

The NSW DoPE published the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Educational Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 on 1 March 2022. The relevant parts of the SEPP to this proposal have been extracted and are revised below.

Part 3.3 Early education and care facilities – specific development controls,

'3.27 Centre-based child care facility—development control plans

(1) A provision of a development control plan that specifies a requirement, standard or control in relation to any of the following matters (including by reference to ages, age ratios, groupings, numbers or the like, of children) does not apply to development for the purpose of a centre-based child care facility:

(a) operational or management plans or arrangements (including hours of operation),

(b) demonstrated need or demand for child care services,

(c) proximity of facility to other early childhood education and care facilities,

(d) any matter relating to development for the purpose of a centre-based child care facility contained in:

(i) the design principles set out in Part 2 of the Child Care Planning Guideline, or

(ii) the matters for consideration set out in Part 3 or the regulatory requirements set out in Part 4 of that Guideline (other than those concerning building height, side and rear setbacks or car parking rates).

(2) This clause applies regardless of when the development control plan was made.'

Part 3.4 Schools - specific development controls

3.36 Schools – development permitted with consent

(1) Development for the purpose of a school may be carried out by any person with development consent on land in a prescribed zone.

(6) Before determining a development application for development of a kind referred to in subsection (1), (3) or (5), the consent authority must take into consideration—

(a) the design quality of the development when evaluated in accordance with the design quality principles set out in Schedule 8, and

(b) whether the development enables the use of school facilities (including recreational facilities) to be shared with the community.

> *(9) A provision of a development control plan that specifies a requirement, standard or **control** in relation to development of a kind referred to in subclause (1), (2), (3) or (5) **is of no effect**, regardless of when the development control plan was made.*

Also, 'Schedule 8 Design quality principles in schools – Chapter 3' of the SEPP requires the following:

'Principle 5. Amenity

*Schools should provide pleasant and engaging spaces that are accessible for a wide range of educational, informal and community activities, **while also considering the amenity of adjacent development and the local neighbourhood.***

Schools located near busy roads or near rail corridors should incorporate appropriate noise mitigation measures to ensure a high level of amenity for occupants.

Schools should include appropriate, efficient, stage and age appropriate indoor and outdoor learning and play spaces, access to sunlight, natural ventilation, outlook, visual and acoustic privacy, storage and service areas.'

5.1.3 SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 - Clause 2.120

The NSW DoPE published the *"Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guidelines"* in 2008. The Guidelines refer to Clause 102 (Road) of the SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007 for the noise criteria for developments affected by road traffic noise. The SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007 was replaced by the SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 on 1 March 2022

Chapter 2, Part 2.2, Division 17, Subdivision 2, Clause 2.120 of the SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 details the following in with regards to road noise and vibration:

This section applies to development for any of the following purposes that is on land in or adjacent to the road corridor for a freeway, a tollway or a transitway or any other road with an annual average daily traffic volume of more than 20,000 vehicles (based on the traffic volume data published on the website of TfNSW) and that the consent authority considers is likely to be adversely affected by road noise or vibration —

> *(a) residential accommodation,*
>
> *(b) a place of public worship,*
>
> *(c) a hospital,*
>
> *(d) an educational establishment or centre-based child care facility.*

It is unlikely that the AADT will reach 20,000 on roads surrounding the College site, therefore the SEPP is not applicable.

5.1.4 Child Care Planning Guideline

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DoPE) published the Child Care Planning Guideline (CCPG) in September 2021 as a supplement to the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017.

The SEPP states that "*a consent authority must take into consideration this Guideline* [CCPG] *when assessing a development application (DA) for a centre-based child care facility.*" The SEPP also determines the Guideline "*will take precedence over a Development Control Plan (DCP), with some exceptions, where the two overlap in relation to a child care facility."*

The Guideline was introduced to *'inform state and local government, industry and the community about how good design can maximise the safety, health and overall care of young children. At the same time, it aims to deliver attractive buildings that are sympathetic to the streetscape and appropriate for the setting while minimising any adverse impacts on surrounding areas. It will help achieve a high level of design that is practical and aligned with the National Quality Framework.'*

Section 3, *Matters for Consideration*, Subsection 3.5 *Visual and acoustic privacy*, contains the following considerations:

'Considerations

Objective: To minimise the impact of child care facilities on the acoustic privacy of neighboring residential developments.

C22

A new development, or development that includes alterations to more than 50 per cent of the existing floor area, and is located adjacent to residential accommodation should:

- *provide an acoustic fence along any boundary where the adjoining property contains a residential use. An acoustic fence is one that is a solid, gap free fence.*
- *ensure that mechanical plant or equipment is screened by solid, gap free material and constructed to reduce noise levels eg acoustic fence, building, or enclosure.*

C23

A suitably qualified acoustic professional should prepare an acoustic report which will cover the following matters:

- *identify an appropriate noise level for a child care facility located in residential and other zones*
- *determine an appropriate background noise level for outdoor play areas during times they are proposed to be in use*
- *determine the appropriate height of any acoustic fence to enable the noise criteria to be met.'*

Subsection 3.6 *Noise and air pollution*, contains the following consideration:

'Considerations

Objective: To ensure that outside noise levels on the facility are minimised to acceptable levels.

C24

Adopt design solutions to minimise the impacts of noise, such as:

- *creating physical separation between buildings and the noise source*
- *orienting the facility perpendicular to the noise source and where possible buffered by other uses*
- *using landscaping to reduce the perception of noise*
- *limiting the number and size of openings facing noise sources*
- *using double or acoustic glazing, acoustic louvres or enclosed balconies (wintergardens)*
- *using materials with mass and/or sound insulation or absorption properties, such as solid balcony balustrades, external screens and soffits*
- *locating cot rooms, sleeping areas and play areas away from external noise sources.*

C25

An acoustic report should identify appropriate noise levels for sleeping areas and other non-play areas and examine impacts and noise attenuation measures where a child care facility is proposed in any of the following locations:

- *On industrial zoned land*
- *Where the ANEF contour is between 20 and 25*
- *Along a railway or mass transit corridor, as defined by State Environmental Planning Policy (infrastructure) 2007*
- *On a major or busy road*
- *Other land that is impacted by a substantial external noise.'*

5.2 NSW Environment Protection Authority

5.2.1 Noise Policy for Industry

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) published the *Noise Policy for Industry* (NPI) in October 2017. The *NPI* is specifically aimed at assessing noise from industrial noise sources listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO, 1997).

The *NPI* provides a framework to assess noise emission from a premises, and whether that premises produces intrusive or non-intrusive noise and/or maintains the acoustic amenity.

Section 1.4 of the *NPI* specifies the types of industrial noise sources the policy is designed for, such as mechanical plant and equipment and vehicle movements within the premises and/or on private roads, etc. In addition, Section 1.5 of the *NPI* lists the type of noise sources to which the policy does not apply to, which includes *'noise sources covered by regulation (domestic/neighbourhood uses)'.*

The *NPI* **is not** applicable (Section 1.5 of the NPI - see above) to noise associated with students engaged in active/passive play in the outdoor/indoor areas of an educational establishment. However, the amenity noise levels may be used as a screening test to establish whether further investigation into the likely effects, if any, on the acoustic amenity (as per the *SEPP*) of the local area is warranted.

Section 2.1 of the *NPI* states the following:

"Intrusive noise levels are only applied to residential receivers (residences). For other receiver types identified in Table 2.2, only the amenity levels apply."

5.2.1.1 Project Intrusiveness Noise Levels

The EPA states in Section 2.3 of its NSW *NPI* (October 2017) that the intrusiveness of an industrial noise source may generally be considered acceptable if the level of noise from the source (represented by the L_{Aeq} descriptor), measured over a 15-minute period, does not exceed the rating background noise level by more than 5 dB when beyond a minimum threshold (EPA *NPI*, 2017, Section 2.3).

The Rating Background Level at Logger Location 'B', was 42 dBA in the early morning and 36 dBA during the day and in the evening (see Table 4). Therefore, the acceptable $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ noise intrusiveness criteria in this area is:

- (42 + 5 =) 47 dBA $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ in the early morning; and
- (36 + 5 =) 41 dBA $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ during the day and in the evening.

5.2.1.2 Project Amenity Noise Levels

Depending on the type of area in which the noise is being made, there is a certain reasonable expectancy for noise amenity. The NSW *NPI* provides a schedule of recommended L_{eq} industrial noise levels that under normal circumstances should not be exceeded. If successive developments occur near a residential area, each one allowing a criterion of background noise level plus 5 dB, the ambient noise level will gradually creep higher.

Section 2.4, Table 2.3 of the *NPI* provides guidance on assigning residential receiver noise categories. Site inspections of the residential areas surrounding Location 'B' were conducted by the author during the day period, see Section 4.1.2 for observations.

The observations in Section 4.1.2 and the measured ambient noise levels in Table 6 indicate the residential area around Location 'B' is considered 'Rural', as per Table 2.3 of the *NPI*.

Table 6 Amenity Noise Levels

Receiver	Noise Amenity Area	Time of Day	L_{eq}, dBA, Recommended Amenity Noise Level
Residential	Rural	Day	50
		Evening	45
		Night	40
Industrial premises	All	When in use	70

The L_{Aeq} is determined over a 15-minute period for the project intrusiveness noise level and over an assessment period (day, evening and night) for the project amenity noise level. This leads to the situation where, because of the different averaging periods, the same numerical value does not necessarily represent the same amount of noise heard by a person for different time periods. To standardise the time periods for the intrusiveness and amenity noise levels, the *NPI* assumes that the **$L_{Aeq,15min}$** will be taken to be equal to the **$L_{Aeq, period}$ + 3 decibels (dB)** (Section 2.2, NPI).

Compliance with the amenity criteria will limit ambient noise creep. **Section 2.4** of the *NPI* states the following:

*'To ensure that industrial noise levels (existing plus new) remain within the recommended amenity noise levels for an area, a **project amenity noise level** applies for each new source of industrial noise as follows:*

- ***Project amenity noise level for industrial developments = recommended amenity noise level (Table 2.2) minus 5 dB (A)".***

The following exceptions to the above method to derive the project amenity noise level apply:

3. *Where the resultant project amenity noise level is 10 dB or more lower than the existing industrial noise level. In this case the project amenity noise levels can be set at 10 dB below existing industrial noise levels if it can be demonstrated that existing industrial noise levels are unlikely to reduce over time.'*

In addition, the level of transport noise, road traffic noise in particular, may be high enough to make noise from an industrial source effectively inaudible, even though the L_{Aeq} noise level from that industrial noise source may exceed the project amenity noise level. In such cases the project amenity noise level may be derived from the $L_{Aeq,\ period\ (traffic)}$ minus 15 dBA.

The existing L_{eq} noise level at Location 'B' was 50 dBA during the day and 49 dBA in the evening (see Table 4), In accordance with Table 2.3 of the *NPI*, Location 'B' is considered to be a 'Rural' Noise Amenity Area. Therefore, the acceptable amenity noise level for the residential receptors in this area, are:

- (50 – 5 + 3 =) 48 dBA $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ during the day; and
- (45 – 5 + 3 =) 43 dBA $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ in the evening.

The acceptable amenity criteria for the adjacent light industrial premises, 'R3', is:

- (70 – 5 + 3 =) 68 dBA $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ when in use.

5.2.1.3 Sleep Disturbance Criteria

The EPA's *Noise Policy for Industry* states in Section 2.5 that the potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events from premises during the night-time period needs to be considered. Sleep disturbance is considered to be both awakenings and disturbance to sleep stages.

Sleep may be disturbed if the subject development night-time noise levels at a residential location exceed the following:

- $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ 40 dBA or the prevailing RBL plus 5 dB, whichever is greater; and/or
- L_{AFmax} 52 dBA or the prevailing RBL plus 15 dB, whichever is greater.

Where either of the above criteria are triggered, a detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be undertaken.

The RBL at Location 'B' was 42 dBA in the early morning (see Table 4).

Therefore, the acceptable $L_{eq, 15 minute}$ and L_{AFmax} noise sleep disturbance criteria in this area is:

- (42 + 5 =) 47 dBA $L_{eq, 15 minute}$ in the early morning; and/or
- (42 + 15 =) 57 dBA L_{AFmax} in the early morning.

5.2.2 NSW Road Noise Policy

The NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP), in Section 2.3.1, sets out road traffic noise assessment criteria for residential land uses in Table 3. The information in that table is extracted below in Table 7.

Table 7 Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criterion - Residential

Road Category	Type of project/land use	Assessment Criteria – dB(A) Day (7 am – 10 pm)
Local roads	6. Existing residences affected by **additional traffic** on existing local roads generated by land use developments	$L_{Aeq, (1 hour)}$ 55 (external)

On-road traffic is to be assessed at 1 metre from the most affected façade of the potentially most affected residential receiver locations

5.3 Camden Council

5.3.1 Camden Council Environmental Noise Policy 2018

Camden Council, in their Environmental Noise Policy 2018, require an acoustic report to accompany Development Applications for child care centres and educational establishments, as extracted below:

'Noise from Child Care Centres and Educational Establishments

1. *Development applications for child care centres and educational establishments must be accompanied by an acoustic report.*
2. *Child care centres and educational establishments are to be designed to not exceed the following noise levels:*
   - $L_{Aeq\ (15\ minutes)}$ *noise level from children in the outdoor areas of the site must not exceed the background* L_{A90} *sound level by more than 10 dBA when measured at the boundary of the nearest or most affected residential premises (or if the boundary is more than 30 metres from a residential dwelling, at the most affected point within 30 metres of a residence).*
   - $L_{Aeq\ (15\ minutes)}$ *noise levels from all other operations (ie car park, plant) must not exceed the background* L_{A90} *sound level by more than 5 dB(A) when measured at the boundary of the nearest or most affected residential premises.*

   Note: If there is an inconsistency between the SEPP (Education Establishment and Child Care Facilities) 2017 (and Child Care Planning Guidelines) and the DCP, ***the SEPP will take precedence****.'*

5.3.2 Camden Council – Development Control Plan 2019

Camden Council, in their Camden Development Control Plan (DCP) 2019, require an acoustic report to accompany Development Applications for child care centres and educational establishments, as extracted below:

'2.12 Acoustic Amenity

'Noise from Child Care Centres and Educational Establishments

1. *Development applications for child care centres and educational establishments must be accompanied by an acoustic report.*
2. *Child care centres and educational establishments are to be designed to not exceed the following noise levels:*
   - $L_{Aeq\ (15\ minutes)}$ *noise level from children in the outdoor areas of the site must not exceed the background* L_{A90} *sound level by more than 10 dBA when measured at the boundary of the nearest or most affected residential premises (or if the boundary is more than 30 metres from a residential dwelling, at the most affected point within 30 metres of a residence).*
   - $L_{Aeq\ (15\ minutes)}$ *noise levels from all other operations (ie car park, plant) must not exceed the background* L_{A90} *sound level by more than 5 dB(A) when measured at the boundary of the nearest or most affected residential premises.*

   Note: If there is an inconsistency between the SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (and Child Care Planning Guidelines) and the DCP, ***the SEPP will take precedence****.'*

5.4 AAAC – Guideline for Child Care Centres Acoustic Assessment

The AAAC published a guideline relating to the assessment of noise from Child Care Centres called "Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment", first in May 2008, again in October 2013 and most recently updated in September 2020.

Section 3 of the AAAC Guideline states the following in relation to noise attenuation and generation for Child Care Centres:

3.2 Criteria - Residential Receptors

3.2.1 Outdoor Play Area

The noise impact from children at play in a child care centre differs from the domestic situation in that it is a business carried out for commercial gain, the number of children can be far greater than in a domestic situation and the age range of the children at the centre does not significantly vary over time as it would in a domestic situation. However, the noise from children is vastly different, in both character and duration, from industrial, commercial or even domestic machine noise. The sound from children at play, in some circumstances, can be pleasant, with noise emission generally only audible during the times the children play outside. Night time, weekend or public holiday activity is not typical and child care centres have considerable social and community benefit.

Base Criteria *– With the development of child care centres in residential areas, the background noise level within these areas can at certain times, be low. Thus, a base criterion of a contributed* $L_{eq,15min}$ *45 dB(A) for the assessment of outdoor play is recommended in locations where the background noise level is less than 40 dB(A).*

Background Greater Than 40 dB(A) *– The contributed* $L_{eq,15min}$ *noise level emitted from an outdoor play and internal activity areas shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 5 or 10 dB at the assessment location, depending on the usage of the outdoor play area. AAAC members regard that a total time limit of approximately 2 hours outdoor play per morning and afternoon period should allow an emergence above the background of 10 dB (ie background +10 dB if outdoor play is limited to 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon).*

Up to 4 hours (total) per day *– If outdoor play is limited to no more than 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon, the contributed* $L_{eq,15min}$ *noise level emitted from the outdoor play shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 10 dB at the assessment location.*

More than 4 hours (total) per day *– If outdoor play is not limited to no more than 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon, the contributed* $L_{eq,\ 15min}$ *noise level emitted from the outdoor play area shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 5 dB at the assessment location.*

The assessment location is defined as the most affected point on or within any residential receiver property boundary. Examples of this location may be:

- *1.5 m above ground level;*
- *On a balcony at 1.5 m above floor level;*
- *Outside a window on the ground or higher floors.*

3.2.2 Indoor Play Area, Mechanical Plant, Pick up and Drop off

The cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ noise emission level resulting from the use and operation of the child care centre, with the exception of noise emission from outdoor play discussed above, shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 5 dB at the assessment location as defined above. This includes the noise emission resulting from:

- *Indoor play;*
- *Mechanical plant;*
- *Drop off and pick up;*
- *Other activities/operations (not including outdoor play).*

3.2.3 Sleep Disturbance

The noise impact of staff arrivals, setup, cleaning or other on-site activities prior to 7 am or during night-time hours should be assessed at nearby residential premises. The L_{Amax} noise level emitted from vehicles arriving and parking, depending on the requirements of the state or territory where the centre is located shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 15 dB outside the nearest habitable room window.

Section 5 of the AAAC Guideline states the following in relation to external noise impact on children within Child Care Centres.

5.1 Road, Rail Traffic and Industry

The $L_{Aeq,1hr}$ noise level from road traffic, rail or industry at any location within the outdoor play or activity area during the hours when the Centre is operating should not exceed 55 dB(A).

The $L_{Aeq,1hr}$ noise level from road traffic, rail or industry at any location within the indoor activity or sleeping areas of the Centre during the hours when the centre is operating shall be capable (ie with doors and/or windows closed) of achieving 40 dB(A) within indoor activity areas and 35 dB(A) in sleeping areas.

5.5 Project Noise Trigger Levels

Noise emissions from the use of the outdoor play areas*, indoor general learning areas (GLAs), mechanical plant, halls, sports fields and car parks are assessed against Camden Council's Environmental Noise Policy 2018 and DCP 2019, potential sleep disturbance impacts that may arise from staff arriving at the ELC in the early mornings at the residential receivers are assessed against the EPA's NPI, as follows in Section 5.5.1.1 and 5.5.1.2. On - road traffic at the residential receivers has been assessed against the EPA's *RNP*, as follows in Section 5.5.1.3. Noise emissions from outdoor play areas, indoor general learning areas, mechanical plant, halls, sports fields and car parks at the industrial receiver are assessed against the EPA's NPI, as follows in Section 5.5.1.4.

Noise intrusion from local sources (road traffic) to the ELC are assessed against the *AAAC's Guideline,* as follows in Section 5.5.2.

*For the use of school outdoor play areas there is no state wide agreed (by acoustical consultants) numerical noise criterion.

As detailed in Section 5.1.2 of this report, '*A provision of a development control plan that specifies a requirement, standard or* ***control*** *in relation to development of a kind referred to in subclause (1), (2), (3) or (5)* (of the SEPP) ***is of no effect****, regardless of when the development control plan was made'.* Therefore, any numerical noise limit provided in a DCP is of no effect.

Controls, or numerical criteria, provided in a DCP can be used for guidance (only), however are not a mandatory target.

The SEPP (Educational Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, Chapter 3, Part 3.1, states:

'3.1 Aims of Chapter

The aim of this Chapter is to facilitate the effective delivery of educational establishments and early education and care facilities across the State by—

(c) establishing consistent State-wide assessment requirements and design considerations for educational establishments and early education and care facilities to improve the quality of infrastructure delivered and to minimise impacts on surrounding areas.'

Considering 3.1 (c) above, adopting Camden DCP 2019's numerical control(s) would not permit a consistent State-wide assessment requirement - to Day Design's knowledge there is only one other LGA in the state that has a similar numerical control. Further the note to Control 2.12 of Camden DCP 2019 states – "*If there is an inconsistency between the SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (and Child Care Planning Guidelines) and the DCP,* ***the SEPP will take precedence****."*

The SEPP (Educational Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 in 'Schedule 8 Design quality principles in schools – Chapter 3', requires the consideration of ***the amenity of adjacent development and the local neighbourhood*** when assessing schools. This establishes a consistent State-wide assessment requirement and design consideration where an acoustical consultant must consider the noise emission associated with the outdoor play areas of a school and the effect it may have on the amenity of the local neighbourhood.

Considering the above - the method adopted in this report - where Camden DCP 2019's numerical control is exceeded, even after reasonable and feasible noise controls are implemented, the significance of the exceedance and the impact it may have on the acoustic amenity of the local neighbourhood is discussed and assessed in detail – see Section 9.1.2, 9.2.2 and 9.3.2.

5.5.1 Noise Emission Criteria

When all the above factors are considered, we find that the most stringent noise criteria are:

5.5.1.1 Residential Receivers

The following criteria will be applied for students playing in the outdoor play areas and the noise impact from the use of all other noise sources including the GLAs, OSHC, mechanical plant, halls, sports field and car parks during the day period (7 am to 6 pm).

Residential Receivers – 'R1' to 'R2' & 'R4' to 'R11' – based on measured noise levels at Location 'B'

- (36 + 10 =) **46 dBA** $L_{Aeq,\ 15\ minute}$ during the day for outdoor play (guidance only);
- (42 + 5 =) **47 dBA** $L_{Aeq,\ 15\ minute}$ in the early morning for all other noise sources; and
- (36 + 5 =) **41 dBA** $L_{Aeq,\ 15\ minute}$ during the day and evening for all other noise sources.

These criteria apply at the most-affected point on or within the residential property boundary – or, if that is more than 30 metres from the residence, at the most-affected point within 30 metres of the residence. For upper floors, the noise is assessed outside the nearest window.

5.5.1.2 Sleep Disturbance

Sleep disturbance will be assessed at 1 metre from the most affected façade of the potentially most affected residential receivers 'R1' and 'R7' to 'R11', for sleep disturbance. Compliance at the potentially most affected residential receiver locations will ensure compliance with the noise criteria at all other residential receiver locations.

The following criterion will be applied at 1 metre from the most affected façade of the residential receivers, for sleep disturbance:

'R1' and 'R7' to 'R11'– *Based on measured noise levels in Location 'B'*

- (42 + 15 =) **57 dBA** L_{AFmax} between 6.30 am and 7 am (staff arriving at ELC).

5.5.1.3 On – Road Traffic Noise Criteria

The following criterion will be applied at 1 metre from the most affected façade of the potentially most affected residential receiver locations 'R1' and 'R6' to 'R11'; compliance at the potentially most affected residential receiver locations will ensure compliance with the noise criteria at all other residential receiver locations, as follows:

- **55 dBA** (external) $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ between 7 am and 6 pm.

Note: where the existing road traffic noise level already exceeds the Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criterion shown in Table 7 of this report at the residential receiver, an increase of 2 dB is considered negligible – see Section 3.4 of the RNP.

5.5.1.4 Industrial Receiver

The following criteria will be applied for students playing in the outdoor play areas and the noise impact from the use of all other noise sources including the GLAs, mechanical plant, halls, sports field and car parks during the day period (7 am to 6 pm) at the industrial receiver 'R3'.

- **68 dBA** (external) $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ between 7 am and 6 pm.

The assessment location is defined as the most affected point on or within any commercial receiver property boundary.

5.5.2 Noise Intrusion Criteria - ELC

Road Traffic Intrusion - in accordance with the AAAC's Guideline:

- Internal traffic noise levels within the indoor play areas of the Centre should not exceed $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ **40 dBA** during operating hours.
- External traffic noise levels in any outdoor play or activity area of the Centre should not exceed $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ **55 dBA** during operating hours.

6.0 SCHOOL NOISE EMISSION

The main sources of noise from the College, will be as follows:

- Students engaged in active play in the outdoor play areas;
- Students inside the GLAs (including ELC rooms);
- Public address system and school bell;
- Mechanical plant;
- Use of the PS Hall and Multi-Purpose Hall;
- Use of the Sports Fields;
- Use of the Car Parks and Driveways;
- Use of OSHC.

Stages 1 to 4 are assessed below. Where needed the Stages are abbreviated as STG1, STG2, STG3 or STG4.

The noise assessment was based on the drawings by Tonkin Zulaikha Greer Architects, for project number #21019, attached as Appendix C.

6.1 Stage 1 – School Noise Emission

6.1.1 Stage 1 - Outdoor Play Areas

Students will be outside for a range of times, including before school, recess, lunch, PE classes and after school, however the outdoor areas are only likely to be at capacity during recess and lunch.

In order to model the worst case scenario of noise emission from students outdoors at play, we have assumed that 2/3 of the (290 + 10 =) 300 PS students (200) will engage in active play at the one time, with half (100 PS) of those students engaged in active play (making noise) at any given time. It is assumed that the remainder of the students may be in internal areas or engaged in conversation and/or other quiet activities (reading, etc).

We have also assumed that all 18 of the ELC students will be outside engaged in active play during the same period. We have been advised the ELC students will be in the 3-5 year old age range, only.

Sound power levels of PS students engaged in active play were previously measured for other similar projects and are presented below in Table 8. We believe these levels represent the typical $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ maximum noise levels of student in outdoor areas and will be used in this noise assessment.

In addition, the AAAC has presented a range of A-weighted sound power levels per child in Table 1 of its '*Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment*'. The sound power levels for each group are presented in Table 8 and used in this assessment.

Table 8 STG1 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Students Playing in Outdoor Areas

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
10 x students at play – PS	**89**	64	74	79	83	86	83	78	75
10 x children, 3 to 5 years	**87**	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72
200 x PS students engaged in active play (100 students making noise)	**99**	74	84	89	93	96	93	88	85
18 x ELC students engaged in active play	**90**	67	73	78	84	86	83	79	75

6.1.2 Stage 1 - General Learning Areas

We have been advised that the maximum class size will be as follows:

- ELC – 18 students;
- SSP – 5 students; and
- PS – 30 Students.

During normal classroom activities, the main source of noise will be from the teachers and students talking. We have assumed that there may be a maximum of 1/3 (10) of the students talking normally. We have also assumed that the teacher in each classroom may be talking loudly.

Calculations assume students are distributed evenly throughout the inside of the GLAs and windows and doors are partially open (10% of floor area).

Day Design Pty Ltd has previously measured and quantified the Octave Band Centre Frequency sound power level of teachers and students talking at different noise levels. The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power levels of teachers and students are shown below in Table 9 as well as the AAAC's range of A-weighted sound power levels per ELC aged child.

Table 9 STG1 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Teacher & Students – GLAs

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
General Learning Areas									
Teacher talking loudly	**79**	60	70	75	80	73	70	62	55
School student talking normally	**63**	53	53	60	63	58	53	52	47
1 teacher and 30 students	**80**	65	71	76	81	74	71	65	59
10 x children, 3 to 5 years	**87**	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72

6.1.3 Stage 1 - Mechanical Plant & Equipment

The architectural drawings show that the mechanical plant and equipment areas will be located on roof top of the new buildings, throughout the development site.

The location and type of mechanical plant and equipment have not yet been selected and/or finalised. We have therefore been provided with a preliminary schedule and layout plan.

The proposed mechanical plant and equipment will typically only operate during the operation of the college (see Section 3.0).

We have been advised that the roof top mechanical plant and equipment areas will be bounded by minimum 1.8 metre high sound barrier walls, as shown in the attached Appendix C.

The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power levels for the preliminary mechanical plant and equipment proposed for the College are presented in Table 10.

Table 10 STG1 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Typical Mechanical Plant

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
VRF air conditioners – *Daikin*									
- *REYQ8BYM*	**77**	87	85	80	75	70	62	62	52
- *REYQ12BYM*	**80**	93	84	84	78	74	67	60	55
- *REYQ14BYM*	**81**	90	90	88	82	77	68	63	56

Once mechanical plant selection has been finalised, a final assessment should be made, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate/detailed design stage.

6.1.4 Stage 1 - Sports Field

A Sports Field is proposed to be constructed on the eastern side of the College.

In order to model the worst case scenario of noise emission from students or a sports team(s) playing on the proposed Sports Field (either during normal school hours or outside of school hours), we have assumed the following:

- A single football game, consisting of 22 students/players, will be played on the Sports Field. We have assumed that 25% of the participants may be making noise at any given time during a game.
- We have also assumed there may be up to (22 x 4 =) 88 spectators during a game, with 25% of the spectators making noise at any given time during a game.

Annual school fetes are typical one-off events that take place on most school's grounds and generally utilise several areas of a given campus. Annual school fetes are considered a typical community event and are not considered the worst case scenario for the use of a sports field/campus due to its limited occurrence (once a year). Due to this limited occurrence the impact to the acoustic amenity of the neighbourhood and community deemed to be minimal.

The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power level and spectra of people and spectators engaging in active sport are shown below in Table 11 and is based on previous measurements by Day Design.

Table 11 STG1 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Active Sport On Sports Ground

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
One person engaged in active sport	**82**	56	59	64	69	79	77	72	66
One adult spectator talking with a loud voice	**80**	59	61	70	77	76	72	65	56
Active sport match with 22 x Players and 88 x Spectators	**95**	73	75	84	91	91	88	82	75

6.1.5 Stage 1 - Vehicle Noise Emissions

The ELC, Staff and Student parking on the northern side of the College provides a total of 24 parking spaces (5 x ELC, 3 x Student, 15 x Staff & 1 x Spare) for vehicles.

One lane of kiss and drop with 17 spaces is also proposed on the western side of the College.

Information pertaining to vehicle movements to and from the College and also on the College site has been taken from the ASON Group *'Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment'* (TAIA), Ref: P1769, dated 17 April 2024.

Section 6.1.4 of the TAIA provides a traffic assessment which includes the projected net trip generation for Stage 1 (Table 18), as follows:

- Total AM peak hour trip rate (314 x students inbound/outbound + 11 x staff inbound =) 325 vehicles entering/exiting the College.

This is equivalent to (325 / 4 =) 81 vehicles entering/exiting the College over any given 15 minutes during the AM peak hour.

We have assumed the following distribution of trips throughout the available parking areas on the College site during an AM peak 15 minute period:

- (11 / 4 =) 3 vehicles arrive and park in the northern car park;
- (314 / 4 =) 79 students are dropped in the kiss and drop zone.

For the assessment of staff arriving at the ELC prior to 7 am, we have assumed two staff members may arrive and park in the designated ELC 1 spaces.

The Sound Exposure Level[1] (SEL) sound power level and spectra of vehicle noise is shown below in Table 12 and is based on previous measurements by Day Design.

Table 12 STG1 - SEL Sound Power Levels - Vehicles

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
SEL level of car drive by at approximately 20 km/h (flat road)	**84**	99	92	83	79	79	74	73	65
SEL level of car drive by at approximately 50 km/h (flat road)	**93**	95	93	90	89	91	83	73	66
L_{AFmax} level of car door slam	**92**	98	92	90	88	88	83	80	76

[1] *SEL is the total sound energy of a single noise event condensed into a one second duration.*

6.1.6 Stage 1 - Public Address System & School Bell

The College will be provided with a public address system and a bell to signal the start and end of classes. The location of the new speakers has not yet been determined, however assuming speakers will be located on the eastern façade of the Stage 1 building adjacent to the internal courtyard/temporary outdoor play area, and in order to meet the residential noise criteria, the maximum sound pressure level should be no greater than the following:

- **Eastern Façade** **77 dBA $L_{eq,15\ minutes}$** at 3 metres from each speaker.

6.1.7 Stage 1 – OSHC

The College will provide an OSHC area for 18 students in the lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) for Stage 1 of the development. We have assumed that when not inside the OSHC room, students may play in the Stage 1 PS outdoor play area.

The acoustic impact from students within the OSHC room will be negligible at the residential receivers.

The acoustic impact from 200 PS students engaged in active outdoor play in the Stage 1 PS outdoor play area has been assessed in Sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.8.1 of this report. The acoustic impact from all (worst case) 18 students within the Stage 1 PS outdoor play area is calculated to be at least (10 * LOG [18 / 200] =) 10 dB less than the predicted level of noise from the 200 students engaged in active play in the Stage 1 PS outdoor area.

The calculated noise impact from 18 students in the Stage 1 OSHC complies with the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is acceptable.

6.1.8 Stage 1 - Predicted Noise Level at Receptor Locations

Knowing the sound power level of a noise source (See Tables 8 - 12), the sound pressure level (as measured with a sound level meter) can be calculated at a remote location using suitable formulae to account for distance losses, sound barriers, building envelope transmission, etc. The predicted noise level at the residential and industrial receptors from the various noise producing facets of the development are shown below.

Calculations for noise emissions from the College have been carried out using Day Design Pty Ltd's proprietary Microsoft Excel calculation spreadsheets which incorporate the methods specified in *ISO 9613.1/2*[2], designed for noise emissions from indoor and outdoor spaces to a nearby outdoor receiver location. The noise emissions have been calculated to determine the noise level at each industrial and residential receptor location due to the future Stage 1 operation of the College.

Where applicable, calculations include acoustic shielding provided by the recommended sound barrier wall in Sections 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3.1, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5 and the College buildings to the residential and industrial receptors.

[2] *ISO9613-1 - Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors, Parts 1 - Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere and Part 2 - General method of calculation.*

6.1.8.1 Stage 1 - Outdoor Play Areas

Based on a maximum of (200 x PS and 18 x ELC =) 218 students engaged in active play in the outdoor play areas at any one time, the predicted $L_{eq\ 15\ minute}$ noise level is calculated to be as shown below in Table 13. The noise prediction was determined by placing all 218 students into groups throughout the outdoor play areas as follows:

- ELC Outdoor Play – 1 x group of 18 students; and
- PS Outdoor Play – 3 x groups of 67 students.

Table 13 STG1 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Active Play in Outdoor Areas

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	46	46	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	28	46	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	29	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	40	46	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	43	46	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	44	46	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	43	46	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	31	46	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	32	46	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	33	46	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	40	46	Yes

Provided the recommended noise controls in Section 8.0 are implemented and adhered to, the predicted level of noise from the students engaged in active play in the Stage 1 outdoor area at the receptor locations ‘R1’ to ‘R11’ complies with the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is acceptable.

6.1.8.2 Stage 1 - Cumulative Noise Level – GLAs & Mechanical Plant

The mechanical plant associated with a school is generally run at capacity during classes. As such, to ensure a worst-case scenario, we have assessed the cumulative noise impact from the use of the GLAs and mechanical plant.

The cumulative noise impact from the GLAs and mechanical plant within Stage 1 of the College are summarised and shown in Table 14.

Table 14 STG1 - Predicted Cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – GLAs & Mechanical Plant

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	27		
- Mechanical plant	35		
Cumulative Noise Level	36	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd			
- GLAs	19		
- Mechanical plant	25		
Cumulative Noise Level	26	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd			
- GLAs	19		
- Mechanical plant	18		
Cumulative Noise Level	21	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	23		
- Mechanical plant	24		
Cumulative Noise Level	27	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	27		
- Mechanical plant	33		
Cumulative Noise Level	34	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	28		
- Mechanical plant	32		
Cumulative Noise Level	34	41	Yes

Table 14 STG1 - Predicted Cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – GLAs & Mechanical Plant - Continued

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	29		
- Mechanical plant	31		
Cumulative Noise Level	33	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	25		
- Mechanical plant	37		
Cumulative Noise Level	37	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	18		
- Mechanical plant	38		
Cumulative Noise Level	38	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	23		
- Mechanical plant	38		
Cumulative Noise Level	38	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	37		
- Mechanical plant	33		
Cumulative Noise Level	39	41	Yes

The predicted cumulative level of noise from the GLAs and mechanical plant at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' and 'R7' to 'R11', complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.2.5 and 8.4 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of any mechanical plant associated with the College complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.1.8.3 Stage 1 - Sports Field

The noise impact from the use of the Sports Field is summarised and shown in Table 15.

Table 15 STG1 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Outdoor Play/Sports Field

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	38	46	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	31	46	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	34	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	45	46	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	43	46	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	38	46	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	32	46	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the Sports Field at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.0 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of the Sports Field complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.1.8.4 Stage 1 - Vehicles in Parking Areas

The noise impact from the use of the ELC, SSP, Student and Staff Parking and kiss and drop areas is summarised and shown in Table 16.

Table 16 STG1 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Car Parks & Kiss & Drop Areas

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	16	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	< 10	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	< 10	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	15	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	16	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	17	41	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	22	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	29	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	31	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	30	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	26	41	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the ELC, SSP, Student and Staff Parking and kiss and drop areas at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is therefore acceptable.

6.1.8.5 Stage 1 - Sleep Disturbance

The external $L_{AF, max}$ noise levels at the potentially most affected residential receiver locations, from the noise associated with staff arriving at the College in their vehicle and parking in the ELC staff spaces between 6.30 am and 7 am are calculated to be as shown below in Table 17.

Table 17 STG1 - Predicted $L_{AF, max}$ Noise Levels – Sleep Disturbance

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	41	57	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	<10	57	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	39	57	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	40	57	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	44	57	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	46	57	Yes

The predicted external levels of noise from staff arriving at the College in their vehicle and parking in the ELC staff spaces between 6.30 am and 7 am are within the noise criteria in Section 5.5.1 at 'R1' and 'R7' to 'R11', and are therefore acceptable.

6.1.8.6 Stage 1 - Predicted On Road Traffic Noise

Calculations of the on-road traffic noise generated by vehicles associated with the use of the College are based on information provided by ASON Group *'Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment'* (TAIA), Ref: P1769, dated 17 April 2024.

Figure 40, in Section 6.2 of the TAIA states that the traffic distribution from the Site is assumed to be as follows:

- Departing - 70/30% split to the south (left turn to Catherine Fields Road)/north (right to Catherine Fields Road) from the Site; and
- Arriving - 70/30% split from the south (right turn in from Catherine Fields Road)/north (left turn in from Catherine Fields Road) to the Site.

The calculated daytime $L_{Aeq,\ 1\text{-}hour}$ shown in Table 5 at Location 'B' has been extrapolated from 100 metres from the curb of Catherine Fields Road to approximately 23 metres from the curb, which is equivalent to the approximate minimum setback of the neighboring receiver location. The calculated $L_{Aeq,\ 1\text{-}hour}$ noise level 23 metres from the curb of 268 Catherine Fields Road is 56.7 dBA.

Table 18 shows the assessment of on-road traffic for the residential receiver, 'R1' and 'R6' to 'R11' against the RNP's 'Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria'.

Table 18 STG1 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ Noise Levels at Residential Receivers - On Road Traffic

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Existing Traffic Noise Level (dBA)	Total Traffic Noise Level (dBA)	Relative Increase (dB)	RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria (dBA)	Complies
Day – 7 am to 10 pm						
R1: 325 trips	27.2	56.7	56.7	0.0	55	Yes
R6: 325 trips	33.8	56.7	56.7	0.0	55	Yes
R7: 325 trips	45.2	56.7	57.0	0.3	55	Yes
R8: 325 trips	47.9	56.7	57.2	0.5	55	Yes
R9: 325 trips	47.5	56.7	57.2	0.5	55	Yes
R10: 325 trips	46.0	56.7	57.1	0.4	55	Yes
R11: 325 trips	45.0	56.7	57.0	0.3	55	Yes

Table 18 shows that while the predicted total $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ noise levels at residential receivers 'R7' to 'R11' exceeds the *RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria* (see Section 5.5.1.3), however, the existing on road traffic noise level exceeds the *RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria*.

Table 18 also shows that the calculated $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ total traffic noise level results in a relative increase to the existing $L_{Aeq,\ 1\ hour}$ total traffic noise level at the receiver location of less than 2 dB during the day periods, and is therefore considered acceptable. As per Section 3.4, paragraph 3 of the RNP, *'in assessing feasible and reasonable mitigation measures, an increase of up to 2 dB represents a minor impact that is considered barely perceptible to the average person'* and Section 3.4.1, Step 4, paragraph 2, *'for existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by* ***additional traffic on existing roads generated by land use developments****, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB above that of the corresponding 'no build option'*.

Considering the above, the road traffic noise associated with Stage 1 of the development is considered acceptable and is not likely to be perceptible to the average person.

6.2 Stage 2 – School Noise Emission

6.2.1 Stage 2 - Outdoor Play Areas

Students will be outside for a range of times, including before school, recess, lunch, PE classes and after school, however the outdoor areas are only likely to be at capacity during recess and lunch.

In order to model the worst case scenario of noise emission from students outdoors at play, we have assumed that 2/3 of the 160 HS students (107) and 2/3 of the (440 + 10 =) 450 PS students (300) will engage in active play at the one time, with half (53 HS and 150 PS) of those students engaged in active play (making noise) at any given time. It is assumed that the remainder of the students may be in internal areas or engaged in conversation and/or other quiet activities (reading, etc).

We have also assumed that all 42 of the ELC students will be outside engaged in active play during the same period. We have been advised the ELC students will be in the 3-5 year old age range, only.

Sound power levels of PS and HS students engaged in active play were previously measured for other similar projects and are presented below in Table 19. We believe these levels represent the typical $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ maximum noise levels of student in outdoor areas and will be used in this noise assessment.

In addition, the AAAC has presented a range of A-weighted sound power levels per child in Table 1 of its '*Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment*'. The sound power levels for each group are presented in Table 19 and used in this assessment.

Table 19 STG2 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Students Playing in Outdoor Areas

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
10 x students at play – PS	**89**	64	74	79	83	86	83	78	75
10 x students at play – HS	**90**	69	71	80	87	86	82	75	66
10 x children, 3 to 5 years	**87**	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72
300 x PS students engaged in active play (150 students making noise)	**101**	76	86	91	95	98	95	90	87
107 x HS students engaged in active play (53 students making noise)	**97**	76	78	87	94	93	89	82	73
42 x ELC students engaged in active play	**93**	70	76	81	87	89	86	82	78

6.2.2 Stage 2 - General Learning Areas

We have been advised that the maximum class size will be as follows:

- ELC – 21 students;
- SSP – 5 students;
- PS – 30 Students; and
- HS – 30 students.

During normal classroom activities, the main source of noise will be from the teachers and students talking. We have assumed that there may be a maximum of 1/3 (10) of the students talking normally. We have also assumed that the teacher in each classroom may be talking loudly.

Calculations assume students are distributed evenly throughout the inside of the GLAs and windows and doors are partially open (10% of floor area).

Day Design Pty Ltd has previously measured and quantified the Octave Band Centre Frequency sound power level of teachers and students talking at different noise levels. The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power levels of teachers and students are shown below in Table 20 as well as the AAAC's range of A-weighted sound power levels per ELC aged child.

Table 20 STG2 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Teacher & Students – GLAs

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
General Learning Areas									
Teacher talking loudly	**79**	60	70	75	80	73	70	62	55
School student talking normally	**63**	53	53	60	63	58	53	52	47
1 teacher and 30 students	**80**	65	71	76	81	74	71	65	59
10 x children, 3 to 5 years	**87**	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72

6.2.3 Stage 2 - Mechanical Plant & Equipment

The architectural drawings show that the mechanical plant and equipment areas will be located on roof top of the new buildings, throughout the development site.

The location and type of mechanical plant and equipment have not yet been selected and/or finalised. We have therefore been provided with a preliminary schedule and layout plan.

The proposed mechanical plant and equipment will typically only operate during the operation of the college (see Section 3.0).

We have been advised that the roof top mechanical plant and equipment areas will be bounded by minimum 1.8 metre high sound barrier walls, with the exception of the PS Hall roof top mechanical plant and equipment area which will be bounded by 2.4 metre high sound barrier walls, as shown in the attached Appendix C.

The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power levels for the preliminary mechanical plant and equipment proposed for the College are presented in Table 21.

Table 21 STG2 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Typical Mechanical Plant

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
VRF air conditioners - *Daikin*									
- *REYQ8BYM*	**77**	87	85	80	75	70	62	62	52
- *REYQ12BYM*	**80**	93	84	84	78	74	67	60	55
- *REYQ14BYM*	**81**	90	90	88	82	77	68	63	56
Packaged air conditioners - *Temperzone*									
- *OPA 855*	**79**	92	90	75	74	73	71	65	57

Once mechanical plant selection has been finalised, a final assessment should be made, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate/detailed design stage.

6.2.4 Stage 2 - Hall Usage

There is a possibility that the PS Hall may be used outside of standard school hours on the weekend or during the evening by the College or other community groups.

We have been advised that the proposed PS Hall will have capacity for up to 386 people. From our observations of other sites, we have modelled the noise emission from the Hall as follows:

- People talking loudly (10%), people talking with a raised voice (20%), people talking normally (20%) and the rest are not talking or listening (50%).
- Amplified music may be played during performances and will consist predominantly of either pre-recorded amplified music or live performances.
- We have assumed as a worst case scenario the PS Hall may operate at full capacity during a performance.
- We have assumed that the northern and southern doors of the PS Hall will be open (10% of the floor area) during performances.
- We have assumed the ceiling/roof system consists of a metal deck roof, 75 mm thick glasswool insulation installed in the cavity and standard plasterboard lining beneath (R_w 43).
- We have assumed the lower half of the walls will be constructed with 140 mm thick concrete block with 13 mm cement render to each side (R_w 46).
- We have assumed the upper half of the walls will be constructed with 92 mm steel studs, with 9 mm fibre cement fixed to either side of the studs (R_w 41).

Based on information in Harris[3] and in our noise level database gathered over many years, we calculate the sound power levels shown below in Table 22.

Table 22 STG2 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels - Proposed Halls – People & Music

Description	L_{eq} Sound Power Level dBA
One Man Talking Loudly	**80**
One Man Talking with Raised Voice	**69**
One Man Talking Normally	**63**
Amplified Live Band	**102**
386 People	**96**
386 People with Amplified Live Band	**103**

[3] *Handbook of Acoustical Measurements and Noise Control, Third Edition, Cyril M. Harris, McGraw-Hill Inc, New York, (Page 16.2)*

6.2.5 Stage 2 - Sports Field

A Sports Field is proposed to be constructed on the eastern side of the College.

In order to model the worst case scenario of noise emission from students or a sports team(s) playing on the proposed Sports Field (either during normal school hours or outside of school hours), we have assumed the following:

- A single football game, consisting of 22 students/players, will be played on the Sports Field. We have assumed that 25% of the participants may be making noise at any given time during a game.
- We have also assumed there may be up to (22 x 4 =) 88 spectators during a game, with 25% of the spectators making noise at any given time during a game.

Annual school fetes are typical one-off events that take place on most school's grounds and generally utilise several areas of a given campus. Annual school fetes are considered a typical community event and are not considered the worst case scenario for the use of a sports field/campus due to its limited occurrence (once a year). Due to this limited occurrence the impact to the acoustic amenity of the neighbourhood and community deemed to be minimal.

The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power level and spectra of people and spectators engaging in active sport are shown below in Table 23 and is based on previous measurements by Day Design.

Table 23 STG2 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Active Sport On Sports Ground

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
One person engaged in active sport	**82**	56	59	64	69	79	77	72	66
One adult spectator talking with a loud voice	**80**	59	61	70	77	76	72	65	56
Active sport match with 22 x Players and 88 x Spectators	**95**	73	75	84	91	91	88	82	75

6.2.6 Stage 2 - Vehicle Noise Emissions

The ELC, SSP, Staff and Student parking on the northern side of the College provides a total of 24 parking spaces for vehicles (11 x ELC & 13 Student) with the student and staff parking on the southern side of the college providing a total of 62 parking spaces for vehicles (33 x Staff & 29 x spare).

Two lanes of kiss and drop with (17 + 13 =) 30 spaces is also proposed on the western side of the College.

Information pertaining to vehicle movements to and from the College and also on the College site has been taken from the ASON Group *'Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment'* (TAIA), Ref: P1769, dated 17 April 2024.

Section 6.1.4 of the TAIA provides a traffic assessment which includes the projected net trip generation for Stage 2 (Table 17), as follows:

- Total AM peak hour trip rate (640 x students inbound/outbound + 24 x staff inbound =) 664 vehicles entering/exiting the College.

This is equivalent to (664 / 4 =) 166 vehicles entering/exiting the College over any given 15 minutes during the AM peak hour.

We have assumed the following distribution of trips throughout the available parking areas on the College site during an AM peak 15 minute period:

- (24 / 4 =) 6 vehicles arrive (staff) and park in the southern car park;
- (13 / 4 =) 3 vehicles arrive (student) and park in the northern car park; and
- (627 / 4 =) 157 students are dropped in the kiss and drop zone.

For the assessment of staff arriving at the ELC prior to 7 am, we have assumed two staff members may arrive and park in the spaces marked ELC in the northern car park.

The Sound Exposure Level[4] (SEL) sound power level and spectra of vehicle noise is shown below in Table 24 and is based on previous measurements by Day Design.

Table 24 STG2 - SEL Sound Power Levels - Vehicles

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
SEL level of car drive by at approximately 20 km/h (flat road)	**84**	99	92	83	79	79	74	73	65
SEL level of car drive by at approximately 50 km/h (flat road)	**93**	95	93	90	89	91	83	73	66
L_{AFmax} level of car door slam	**92**	98	92	90	88	88	83	80	76

6.2.7 Stage 2 - Public Address System & School Bell

The College will be provided with a public address system and a bell to signal the start and end of classes. The location of the new speakers has not yet been determined, however assuming speakers will be located on the eastern façade of the Stage 1 building and norther and southern façade of the Stage 2 building, and in order to meet the residential noise criteria, the maximum sound pressure level should be no greater than the following:

- **Eastern Façade Stage 1** **77 dBA $L_{eq,15\ minutes}$** at 3 metres from each speaker;
- **Northern Façade Stage 2** **77 dBA $L_{eq,15\ minutes}$** at 3 metres from each speaker;
- **Southern Façade Stage 2** **62 dBA $L_{eq,15\ minutes}$** at 3 metres from each speaker.

6.2.8 Stage 2 – OSHC

The College will provide an OSHC area for 42 students in the lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) and PS Hall and adjacent PS outdoor play area for Stage 2 of the development. We have been advised that when not inside the OSHC room or PS Hall, students may play in the Stage 2 PS outdoor play area.

The acoustic impact from students within the OSHC room and PS Hall will be negligible at the residential receivers.

The acoustic impact from 300 PS students engaged in active outdoor play in the Stage 2 PS outdoor play area has been assessed in Sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.9.1 of this report. The acoustic impact from all (worst case) 42 students within the Stage 2 PS outdoor play area is calculated to be at least (10 * LOG [42 / 300] =) 9 dB less than the predicted level of noise from the 300 students engaged in active play in the Stage 2 PS outdoor area.

[4] *SEL is the total sound energy of a single noise event condensed into a one second duration.*

The calculated noise impact from 42 students in the Stage 2 OSHC complies with the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is acceptable.

6.2.9 Stage 2 - Predicted Noise Level at Receptor Locations

Knowing the sound power level of a noise source (See Tables 19 - 24), the sound pressure level (as measured with a sound level meter) can be calculated at a remote location using suitable formulae to account for distance losses, sound barriers, building envelope transmission, etc. The predicted noise level at the residential and industrial receptors from the various noise producing facets of the development are shown below.

Calculations for noise emissions from the College have been carried out using Day Design Pty Ltd's proprietary Microsoft Excel calculation spreadsheets which incorporate the methods specified in *ISO 9613.1/2*[5], designed for noise emissions from indoor and outdoor spaces to a nearby outdoor receiver location. The noise emissions have been calculated to determine the noise level at each industrial and residential receptor location due to the future Stage 2 operation of the College.

Where applicable, calculations include acoustic shielding provided by the recommended sound barrier wall in Sections 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3.2, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5 and the College buildings to the residential and industrial receptors.

[5] *ISO9613-1 - Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors, Parts 1 - Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere and Part 2 - General method of calculation.*

6.2.9.1 Stage 2 - Outdoor Play Areas

Based on a maximum of (300 x PS, 107 x HS and 42 x ELC =) 449 students engaged in active play in the outdoor play areas at any one time, the predicted $L_{eq\ 15\ minute}$ noise level is calculated to be as shown below in Table 25. The noise prediction was determined by placing all 449 students into groups throughout the outdoor play areas as follows:

- ELC Outdoor Play – 1 x group of 42 students;
- PS Outdoor Play – 3 x groups of 100 students; and
- HS Outdoor Play – 3 x groups of 36 students.

Table 25 STG2 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Active Play in Outdoor Areas

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	45	46	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	35	46	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	35	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	49	46	**No (+ 3 dB)**
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	52	46	**No (+ 6 dB)**
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	51	46	**No (+ 5 dB)**
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	46	46	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	44	46	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	42	46	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	34	46	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	37	46	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the students engaged in active play in the outdoor areas at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R3' and 'R7' to 'R11' complies with the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report. However, the predicted level of noise from the students engaged in active play in the outdoor areas at the receptor locations 'R4' to 'R6' exceeds the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and will therefore require noise controls, as recommended in Section 8.0.

6.2.9.2 Stage 2 - Cumulative Noise Level – GLAs & Mechanical Plant

The mechanical plant associated with a school is generally run at capacity during classes. As such, to ensure a worst-case scenario, we have assessed the cumulative noise impact from the use of the GLAs and mechanical plant.

The cumulative noise impact from the GLAs and mechanical plant within the College are summarised and shown in Table 26.

Table 26 STG2 - Predicted Cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – GLAs & Mechanical Plant

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	28		
- Mechanical plant	39		
Cumulative Noise Level	39	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd			
- GLAs	19		
- Mechanical plant	22		
Cumulative Noise Level	23	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd			
- GLAs	20		
- Mechanical plant	23		
Cumulative Noise Level	24	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	30		
- Mechanical plant	31		
Cumulative Noise Level	34	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	40		
- Mechanical plant	33		
Cumulative Noise Level	40	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	35		
- Mechanical plant	39		
Cumulative Noise Level	41	41	Yes

Table 26 STG2 - Predicted Cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – GLAs & Mechanical Plant - Continued

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	31		
- Mechanical plant	40		
Cumulative Noise Level	41	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	25		
- Mechanical plant	37		
Cumulative Noise Level	37	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	18		
- Mechanical plant	38		
Cumulative Noise Level	38	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	25		
- Mechanical plant	38		
Cumulative Noise Level	38	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	37		
- Mechanical plant	37		
Cumulative Noise Level	40	41	Yes

The predicted cumulative level of noise from the GLAs and mechanical plant at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11', complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.2.5 and 8.4 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of any mechanical plant associated with the College complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.2.9.3 Stage 2 - College Halls

The noise impact from the Halls are summarised and shown in Table 27.

Table 27 STG2 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Halls

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
Day & Evening– 7.00 am to 10.00 pm			
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	34	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	27	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	27	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl			
- PS Hall Live Performance	33	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl			
- PS Hall Live Performance	43	41	**No (+ 2 dB)**
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl			
- PS Hall Live Performance	49	41	**No (+ 8 dB)**
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	52	41	**No (+ 11 dB)**
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	38	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	27	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	32	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	32	41	Yes

The predicted cumulative level of noise from the use of the Halls at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R4' and 'R8' to 'R11', complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

However, the predicted cumulative level of noise from the use of the Halls at the receptor locations 'R5' to 'R7', exceeds the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and will therefore require noise controls as recommended in Section 8.0.

6.2.9.4 Stage 2 - Sports Field

The noise impact from the use of the Sports Field is summarised and shown in Table 28.

Table 28 STG2 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Outdoor Play/Sports Field

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	38	46	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	32	46	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	32	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	46	46	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	44	46	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	34	46	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	32	46	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the Sports Field at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.0 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of the Sports Field complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.2.9.5 Stage 2 - Vehicles in Parking Areas

The noise impact from the use of the ELC, SSP, Student and Staff Parking and kiss and drop areas is summarised and shown in Table 29.

Table 29 STG2 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Car Parks & Kiss & Drop Areas

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	16	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	<10	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	15	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	16	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	17	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	19	41	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	25	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	32	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	34	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	31	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	27	41	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the ELC, SSP, Student and Staff Parking and kiss and drop areas at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is therefore acceptable.

6.2.9.6 Stage 2 - Sleep Disturbance

The external $L_{AF,\,max}$ noise levels at the potentially most affected residential receiver locations, from the noise associated with staff arriving at the College in their vehicle and parking in the ELC staff spaces between 6.30 am and 7 am are calculated to be as shown below in Table 30.

Table 30 STG2 - Predicted $L_{AF,\,max}$ Noise Levels – Sleep Disturbance

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	41	57	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	<10	57	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	39	57	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	40	57	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	44	57	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	46	57	Yes

The predicted external levels of noise from staff arriving at the College in their vehicle and parking in the ELC 1 or ELC 15 staff spaces between 6.30 am and 7 am are within the noise criteria in Section 5.5.1 at 'R1' and 'R7' to 'R11', and are therefore acceptable.

6.2.9.7 Stage 2 - Predicted On Road Traffic Noise

Calculations of the on-road traffic noise generated by vehicles associated with the use of the College are based on information provided by ASON Group *'Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment'* (TAIA), Ref: P1769, dated 17 April 2024.

Figure 40, in Section 6.2 of the TAIA states that the traffic distribution from the Site is assumed to be as follows:

- Departing - 70/30% split to the south (left turn to Catherine Fields Road)/north (right to Catherine Fields Road) from the Site; and
- Arriving - 70/30% split from the south (right turn in from Catherine Fields Road)/north (left turn in from Catherine Fields Road) to the Site.

The calculated daytime $L_{Aeq,\ 1\text{-}hour}$ shown in Table 5 at Location 'B' has been extrapolated from 100 metres from the curb of Catherine Fields Road to approximately 23 metres from the curb, which is equivalent to the approximate minimum setback of the neighboring receiver location. The calculated $L_{Aeq,\ 1\text{-}hour}$ noise level 23 metres from the curb of 268 Catherine Fields Road is 56.7 dBA.

Table 31 shows the assessment of on-road traffic for the residential receiver, 'R1' and 'R6' to 'R11' against the RNP's 'Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria'.

Table 31 STG2 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ Noise Levels at Residential Receivers - On Road Traffic

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Existing Traffic Noise Level (dBA)	Total Traffic Noise Level (dBA)	Relative Increase (dB)	RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria (dBA)	Complies
Day – 7 am to 10 pm						
R1: 664 trips	29.3	56.7	56.7	0.0	55	Yes
R6: 664 trips	35.0	56.7	56.7	0.0	55	Yes
R7: 664 trips	46.4	56.7	57.1	0.4	55	Yes
R8: 664 trips	49.0	56.7	57.4	0.7	55	Yes
R9: 664 trips	48.9	56.7	57.4	0.7	55	Yes
R10: 664 trips	47.7	56.7	57.2	0.5	55	Yes
R11: 664 trips	46.7	56.7	57.1	0.4	55	Yes

Table 31 shows that while the predicted total $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ noise levels at residential receivers 'R1' to 'R11' exceeds the *RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria* (see Section 5.5.1.3), the existing on road traffic noise level also exceeds the *RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria*.

Table 31 also shows that the calculated $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ total traffic noise level results in a relative increase to the existing $L_{Aeq,\ 1\ hour}$ total traffic noise level at the receiver location of less than 2 dB during the day periods, and is therefore considered acceptable. As per Section 3.4, paragraph 3 of the RNP, *'in assessing feasible and reasonable mitigation measures, an increase of up to 2 dB represents a minor impact that is considered barely perceptible to the average person'* and Section 3.4.1, Step 4, paragraph 2, *'for existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by* ***additional traffic on existing roads generated by land use developments****, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB above that of the corresponding 'no build option'*.

Considering the above, the road traffic noise associated with the development is considered acceptable and is not likely to be perceptible to the average person.

6.3 Stage 3 – School Noise Emission

6.3.1 Stage 3 - Outdoor Play Areas

Students will be outside for a range of times, including before school, recess, lunch, PE classes and after school, however the outdoor areas are only likely to be at capacity during recess and lunch.

In order to model the worst case scenario of noise emission from students outdoors at play, we have assumed that 2/3 of the (385 + 15 =) 400 HS students (267) and 2/3 of the (505 + 15 =) 520 PS students (347) will engage in active play at the one time, with half (133 HS and 173 PS) of those students engaged in active play (making noise) at any given time. It is assumed that the remainder of the students may be in internal areas or engaged in conversation and/or other quiet activities (reading, etc).

We have also assumed that all 60 of the ELC students will be outside engaged in active play during the same period. We have been advised the ELC students will be in the 3-5 year old age range, only.

Sound power levels of PS and HS students engaged in active play were previously measured for other similar projects and are presented below in Table 32. We believe these levels represent the typical $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ maximum noise levels of student in outdoor areas and will be used in this noise assessment.

In addition, the AAAC has presented a range of A-weighted sound power levels per child in Table 1 of its '*Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment*'. The sound power levels for each group are presented in Table 32 and used in this assessment.

Table 32 STG3 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Students Playing in Outdoor Areas

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
10 x students at play – PS	**89**	64	74	79	83	86	83	78	75
10 x students at play – HS	**90**	69	71	80	87	86	82	75	66
10 x children, 3 to 5 years	**87**	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72
567 x PS students engaged in active play (173 students making noise)	**104**	79	89	94	98	101	98	93	90
447 x HS students engaged in active play (133 students making noise)	**103**	82	84	93	100	99	95	88	79
60 x ELC students engaged in active play	**95**	72	78	83	89	91	88	84	80

6.3.2 Stage 3 - General Learning Areas

We have been advised that the maximum class size will be as follows:

- ELC – 20 students;
- SSP – 5 students;
- PS – 30 Students; and
- HS – 30 students.

During normal classroom activities, the main source of noise will be from the teachers and students talking. We have assumed that there may be a maximum of 1/3 (10) of the students talking normally. We have also assumed that the teacher in each classroom may be talking loudly.

Calculations assume students are distributed evenly throughout the inside of the GLAs and windows and doors are partially open (10% of floor area).

Day Design Pty Ltd has previously measured and quantified the Octave Band Centre Frequency sound power level of teachers and students talking at different noise levels. The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power levels of teachers and students are shown below in Table 33 as well as the AAAC's range of A-weighted sound power levels per ELC aged child.

Table 33 STG3 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Teacher & Students – GLAs

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
General Learning Areas									
Teacher talking loudly	**79**	60	70	75	80	73	70	62	55
School student talking normally	**63**	53	53	60	63	58	53	52	47
1 teacher and 30 students	**80**	65	71	76	81	74	71	65	59
10 x children, 3 to 5 years	**87**	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72

6.3.3 Stage 3 - Mechanical Plant & Equipment

The architectural drawings show that the mechanical plant and equipment areas will be located on roof top of the new buildings, throughout the development site.

The location and type of mechanical plant and equipment have not yet been selected and/or finalised. We have therefore been provided with a preliminary schedule and layout plan.

The proposed mechanical plant and equipment will typically only operate during the operation of the college (see Section 3.0).

We have been advised that the roof top mechanical plant and equipment areas will be bounded by minimum 1.8 metre high sound barrier walls, with the exception of the Multi-Purpose Hall roof top mechanical plant and equipment area which will be bounded by 2.4 metre high sound barrier walls, as shown in the attached Appendix C.

The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power levels for the preliminary mechanical plant and equipment proposed for the College are presented in Table 34.

Table 34 STG3 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Typical Mechanical Plant

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
VRF air conditioners – *Daikin*									
- *REYQ8BYM*	**77**	87	85	80	75	70	62	62	52
- *REYQ12BYM*	**80**	93	84	84	78	74	67	60	55
- *REYQ14BYM*	**81**	90	90	88	82	77	68	63	56
Packaged air conditioners - *Temperzone*									
- *OPA 855*	**79**	92	90	75	74	73	71	65	57
- *OPA 1370*	**84**	96	94	83	80	78	75	68	60

Once mechanical plant selection has been finalised, a final assessment should be made, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate/detailed design stage.

6.3.4 Stage 3 - Hall Usage

There is a possibility that the PS Hall may be used outside of standard school hours on the weekend or during the evening by the College or other community groups.

We have been advised that the proposed PS Hall will have capacity for up to 386 people. From our observations of other sites, we have modelled the noise emission from the Hall as follows:

- People talking loudly (10%), people talking with a raised voice (20%), people talking normally (20%) and the rest are not talking or listening (50%).
- Amplified music may be played during performances and will consist predominantly of either pre-recorded amplified music or live performances.
- We have assumed as a worst case scenario the PS Hall may operate at full capacity during a performance.
- We have assumed that the northern and southern doors of the PS Hall will be open (10% of the floor area) during performances.
- We have assumed the ceiling/roof system consists of a metal deck roof, 75 mm thick glasswool insulation installed in the cavity and standard plasterboard lining beneath (R_w 43).
- We have assumed the lower half of the walls will be constructed with 140 mm thick concrete block with 13 mm cement render to each side (R_w 46).
- We have assumed the upper half of the walls will be constructed with 92 mm steel studs, with 9 mm fibre cement fixed to either side of the studs (R_w 41).

Based on information in Harris[6] and in our noise level database gathered over many years, we calculate the sound power levels shown below in Table 35.

Table 35 STG3 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels - Proposed Halls – People & Music

Description	L_{eq} Sound Power Level dBA
One Man Talking Loudly	**80**
One Man Talking with Raised Voice	**69**
One Man Talking Normally	**63**
Amplified Live Band	**102**
386 People	**96**
386 People with Amplified Live Band	**103**

[6] *Handbook of Acoustical Measurements and Noise Control, Third Edition, Cyril M. Harris, McGraw-Hill Inc, New York, (Page 16.2)*

6.3.5 Stage 3 - Sports Field

A Sports Field is proposed to be constructed on the eastern side of the College.

In order to model the worst case scenario of noise emission from students or a sports team(s) playing on the proposed Sports Field (either during normal school hours or outside of school hours), we have assumed the following:

- A single football game, consisting of 22 students/players, will be played on the Sports Field. We have assumed that 25% of the participants may be making noise at any given time during a game.
- We have also assumed there may be up to (22 x 4 =) 88 spectators during a game, with 25% of the spectators making noise at any given time during a game.

Annual school fetes are typical one-off events that take place on most school's grounds and generally utilise several areas of a given campus. Annual school fetes are considered a typical community event and are not considered the worst case scenario for the use of a sports field/campus due to its limited occurrence (once a year). Due to this limited occurrence the impact to the acoustic amenity of the neighbourhood and community deemed to be minimal.

The $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ sound power level and spectra of people and spectators engaging in active sport are shown below in Table 36 and is based on previous measurements by Day Design.

Table 36 STG3 - $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Sound Power Levels – Active Sport On Sports Ground

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
One person engaged in active sport	**82**	56	59	64	69	79	77	72	66
One adult spectator talking with a loud voice	**80**	59	61	70	77	76	72	65	56
Active sport match with 22 x Players and 88 x Spectators	**95**	73	75	84	91	91	88	82	75

6.3.6 Stage 3 - Vehicle Noise Emissions

The ELC, SSP, Staff and Student parking on the northern side of the College provides a total of 33 parking spaces for vehicles (15 x ELC & 18 x Student) with the student and Staff parking on the southern side of the college providing a total of 63 parking spaces for vehicles (51 x Staff, 3 x Student & 9 spare).

Two lanes of kiss and drop with 30 spaces is also proposed on the western side of the College.

Information pertaining to vehicle movements to and from the College and also on the College site has been taken from the ASON Group *'Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment'* (TAIA), Ref: P1769, dated 17 April 2024.

Section 6.1.4 of the TAIA provides a traffic assessment which includes the projected net trip generation for Stage 3 (Table 17), as follows:

- Total AM peak hour trip rate (964 x students inbound/outbound + 36 x staff inbound =) 1,000 vehicles entering/exiting the College.

This is equivalent to (1,000 / 4 =) 250 vehicles entering/exiting the College over any given 15 minutes during the AM peak hour.

We have assumed the following distribution of trips throughout the available parking areas on the College site during an AM peak 15 minute period:

- (36 / 4 =) 9 vehicles arrive (staff) and park in the southern car park;
- (18 / 4 =) 5 vehicles arrive (student) and park in the northern car park; and
- (946 / 4 =) 237 students are dropped in the kiss and drop zone.

For the assessment of staff arriving at the ELC prior to 7 am, we have assumed two staff members may arrive and park in the spaces marked ELC in the northern car park.

For the assessment of staff arriving at the ELC prior to 7 am, we have assumed two staff members may arrive and park in the spaces marked ELC 1 or ELC 15.

The College will also operate five buses, to be parked in the 'bus parking' area in the south-eastern corner of the site. We have assumed that during any given 15 minute period during school hours the five buses may either arrive at or exit the 'bus parking' area.

The Sound Exposure Level[7] (SEL) sound power level and spectra of vehicle noise is shown below in Table 37 and is based on previous measurements by Day Design.

Table 37 STG3 - SEL Sound Power Levels - Vehicles

Description	Sound Power Levels (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)								
	dBA	**63**	**125**	**250**	**500**	**1k**	**2k**	**4k**	**8k**
SEL level of car drive by at approximately 20 km/h (flat road)	**84**	99	92	83	79	79	74	73	65
SEL level of car drive by at approximately 50 km/h (flat road)	**93**	95	93	90	89	91	83	73	66
L_{AFmax} level of car door slam	**92**	98	92	90	88	88	83	80	76
SEL level of bus drive by at approximately 20 km/h (flat road)	**95**	102	98	91	91	90	90	84	78

6.3.7 Stage 3 - Public Address System & School Bell

The College will be provided with a public address system and a bell to signal the start and end of classes. The location of the new speakers has not yet been determined, however assuming speakers will be located on the northern, eastern, and southern sides and the internal courtyard, and in order to meet the residential noise criteria, the maximum sound pressure level should be no greater than the following:

- **Northern & Southern Façade 62 dBA $L_{eq,15\ minutes}$** at 3 metres from each speaker;
- **Internal Courtyard 79 dBA $L_{eq,15\ minutes}$** at 3 metres from each speaker.

6.3.8 Stage 3 – OSHC

The College will provide an OSHC area for 60 students in the lower ground level of the administration building (southern side) and PS Hall and adjacent PS outdoor play area for Stage 3 of the development. We have been advised that when not inside the OSHC room or PS Hall, students may play in the Stage 3 PS outdoor play area.

The acoustic impact from students within the OSHC room and PS Hall will be negligible at the residential receivers.

[7] *SEL is the total sound energy of a single noise event condensed into a one second duration.*

The acoustic impact from 347 PS students engaged in active outdoor play in the Stage 3 PS outdoor play area has been assessed in Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.9.1 of this report. The acoustic impact from all (worst case) 60 students within the Stage 3 PS outdoor play area is calculated to be at least (10 * LOG [60 / 347] =) 8 dB less than the predicted level of noise from the 347 students engaged in active play in the Stage 3 PS outdoor area.

The calculated noise impact from 60 students in the Stage 3 OSHC complies with the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is acceptable.

6.3.9 Stage 3 - Predicted Noise Level at Receptor Locations

Knowing the sound power level of a noise source (See Tables 32 - 37), the sound pressure level (as measured with a sound level meter) can be calculated at a remote location using suitable formulae to account for distance losses, sound barriers, building envelope transmission, etc. The predicted noise level at the residential and industrial receptors from the various noise producing facets of the development are shown below.

Calculations for noise emissions from the College have been carried out using Day Design Pty Ltd's proprietary Microsoft Excel calculation spreadsheets which incorporate the methods specified in *ISO 9613.1/2*[8], designed for noise emissions from indoor and outdoor spaces to a nearby outdoor receiver location. The noise emissions have been calculated to determine the noise level at each industrial and residential receptor location due to the future the Stage 3 operation of the College.

Where applicable, calculations include acoustic shielding provided by the recommended sound barrier wall in Sections 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3.3, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5 and the College buildings to the residential and industrial receptors.

[8] *ISO9613-1 - Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors, Parts 1 - Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere and Part 2 - General method of calculation.*

6.3.9.1 Stage 3 - Outdoor Play Areas

Based on a maximum of (347 x PS, 267 x HS and 60 x ELC =) 674 students engaged in active play in the outdoor play areas at any one time, the predicted $L_{eq\ 15\ minute}$ noise level is calculated to be as shown below in Table 38. The noise prediction was determined by placing all 674 students into groups throughout the outdoor play areas as follows:

- ELC Outdoor Play – 1 x group of 60 students;
- PS Outdoor Play – 3 x groups of 116 students; and
- HS Outdoor Play – 3 x groups of 89 students.

Table 38 STG3 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Active Play in Outdoor Areas

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	48	46	**No (+ 2 dB)**
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	38	46	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	39	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	53	46	**No (+ 7 dB)**
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	52	46	**No (+ 6 dB)**
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	49	46	**No (+ 3 dB)**
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	45	46	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	40	46	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	40	46	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	34	46	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	36	46	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the students engaged in active play in the outdoor areas at the receptor locations 'R2' to 'R3' and 'R7' to 'R11' complies with the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report. However, the predicted level of noise from the students engaged in active play in the outdoor areas at the receptor locations 'R1' and 'R4' to 'R6' exceeds the guidance criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and will therefore require noise controls, as recommended in Section 8.0.

6.3.9.2 Stage 3 - Cumulative Noise Level – GLAs & Mechanical Plant

The mechanical plant associated with a school is generally run at capacity during classes. As such, to ensure a worst-case scenario, we have assessed the cumulative noise impact from the use of the GLAs and mechanical plant.

The cumulative noise impact from the GLAs and mechanical plant within the College are summarised and shown in Table 39.

Table 39 STG3 - Predicted Cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – GLAs & Mechanical Plant

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	30		
- Mechanical plant	41		
Cumulative Noise Level	41	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd			
- GLAs	19		
- Mechanical plant	20		
Cumulative Noise Level	23	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd			
- GLAs	20		
- Mechanical plant	21		
Cumulative Noise Level	23	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	30		
- Mechanical plant	30		
Cumulative Noise Level	33	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	40		
- Mechanical plant	33		
Cumulative Noise Level	40	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl			
- GLAs	35		
- Mechanical plant	39		
Cumulative Noise Level	41	41	Yes

Table 39 STG3 - Predicted Cumulative $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – GLAs & Mechanical Plant - Continued

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	31		
- Mechanical plant	40		
Cumulative Noise Level	41	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	25		
- Mechanical plant	37		
Cumulative Noise Level	37	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	18		
- Mechanical plant	38		
Cumulative Noise Level	38	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	25		
- Mechanical plant	38		
Cumulative Noise Level	38	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd			
- GLAs	37		
- Mechanical plant	35		
Cumulative Noise Level	40	41	Yes

The predicted cumulative level of noise from the GLAs and mechanical plant at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11', complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.2.5 and 8.4 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of any mechanical plant associated with the College complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.3.9.3 Stage 3 - College Halls

The noise impact from the Halls are summarised and shown in Table 40.

Table 40 STG3 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Halls

Receptor Location	Predicted L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Acceptable L_{eq} Noise Level (dBA)	Compliance
Day & Evening– 7.00 am to 10.00 pm			
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	34	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	27	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	27	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl			
- PS Hall Live Performance	33	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl			
- PS Hall Live Performance	43	41	**No (+ 2 dB)**
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl			
- PS Hall Live Performance	49	41	**No (+ 8 dB)**
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	52	41	**No (+ 11 dB)**
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	38	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	27	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	32	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd			
- PS Hall Live Performance	32	41	Yes

The predicted cumulative level of noise from the use of the Halls at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R4' and 'R8' to 'R11', complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

However, the predicted cumulative level of noise from the use of the Halls at the receptor locations 'R5' to 'R7', exceeds the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and will therefore require noise controls as recommended in Section 8.0.

6.3.9.4 Stage 3 - Sports Field

The noise impact from the use of the Sports Field is summarised and shown in Table 41.

Table 41 STG3 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Outdoor Play/Sports Field

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	36	46	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	31	46	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	33	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	46	46	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	42	46	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	36	46	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	32	46	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	21	46	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the Sports Field at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.0 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of the Sports Field complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.3.9.5 Stage 3 - Vehicles in Parking Areas

The noise impact from the use of the ELC, SSP, Student and Staff Parking and kiss and drop areas is summarised and shown in Table 42.

Table 42 STG3 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – Car Parks & Kiss & Drop Areas

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	16	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	<10	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	16	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	17	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	18	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	21	41	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	27	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	34	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	36	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	33	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	29	41	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the ELC, SSP, Student and Staff Parking and kiss and drop areas at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report, and is therefore acceptable.

6.3.9.6 Stage 3 - College Buses on Internal Driveway

The noise impact from the use of the College buses on the internal southern driveway on the southern side of the site is summarised and shown in Table 43.

Table 43 STG3 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 15\ minute}$ Noise Levels – College Bus Use

Receptor Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	<10	41	Yes
R2 – 227-235 Deepfields Rd	14	41	Yes
R3 – 225 Deepfields Rd	15	68	Yes
R4 – 16 Heatherfield Cl	38	41	Yes
R5 – 14 Heatherfield Cl	38	41	Yes
R6 – 12 Heatherfield Cl	38	41	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	36	41	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	29	41	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	27	41	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	23	41	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	17	41	Yes

The predicted level of noise from the use of the College buses on the internal southern driveway at the receptor locations 'R1' to 'R11' complies with the criteria in Section 5.5 of this report.

Notwithstanding, recommendations are provided in Sections 8.0 of this report to ensure the noise emissions from the future use of the College Buses complies with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

6.3.9.7 Stage 3 - Sleep Disturbance

The external $L_{AF,\,max}$ noise levels at the potentially most affected residential receiver locations, from the noise associated with staff arriving at the College in their vehicle and parking in the ELC 1 or ELC 15 staff spaces between 6.30 am and 7 am are calculated to be as shown below in Table 44.

Table 44 STG3 - Predicted $L_{AF,\,max}$ Noise Levels – Sleep Disturbance

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Noise Criterion (dBA)	Compliance (Yes/No)
R1 – 286 Catherine Fields Rd	41	57	Yes
R7 – 260 Catherine Fields Rd	<10	57	Yes
R8 – 265 Catherine Fields Rd	39	57	Yes
R9 – 271 Catherine Fields Rd	40	57	Yes
R10 – 277 Catherine Fields Rd	44	57	Yes
R11 – 285 Catherine Fields Rd	46	57	Yes

The predicted external levels of noise from staff arriving at the College in their vehicle and parking in the ELC 1 or ELC 15 staff spaces between 6.30 am and 7 am are within the noise criteria in Section 5.5.1 at 'R1' and 'R7' to 'R11', and are therefore acceptable.

6.3.9.8 Stage 3 - Predicted On Road Traffic Noise

Calculations of the on-road traffic noise generated by vehicles associated with the use of the College are based on information provided by ASON Group *'Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment'* (TAIA), Ref: P1769, dated 17 April 2024.

Figure 40, in Section 6.2 of the TAIA states that the traffic distribution from the Site is assumed to be as follows:

- Departing - 70/30% split to the south (left turn to Catherine Fields Road)/north (right to Catherine Fields Road) from the Site; and
- Arriving - 70/30% split from the south (right turn in from Catherine Fields Road)/north (left turn in from Catherine Fields Road) to the Site.

The calculated daytime $L_{Aeq,\ 1\text{-}hour}$ shown in Table 5 at Location 'B' has been extrapolated from 100 metres from the curb of Catherine Fields Road to approximately 23 metres from the curb, which is equivalent to the approximate minimum setback of the neighboring receiver location. The calculated $L_{Aeq,\ 1\text{-}hour}$ noise level 23 metres from the curb of 268 Catherine Fields Road is 56.7 dBA.

Table 45 shows the assessment of on-road traffic for the residential receiver, 'R1' and 'R6' to 'R11' against the RNP's 'Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria'.

Table 45 STG3 - Predicted $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ Noise Levels at Residential Receivers - On Road Traffic

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level (dBA)	Existing Traffic Noise Level (dBA)	Total Traffic Noise Level (dBA)	Relative Increase (dB)	RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria (dBA)	Complies
Day – 7 am to 10 pm						
R1: 1,000 trips	30.7	56.7	56.7	0.0	55	Yes
R6: 1,000 trips	35.9	56.7	56.7	0.0	55	Yes
R7: 1,000 trips	47.4	56.7	57.2	0.5	55	Yes
R8: 1,000 trips	49.9	56.7	57.5	0.8	55	Yes
R9: 1,000 trips	49.9	56.7	57.5	0.8	55	Yes
R10: 1,000 trips	48.8	56.7	57.4	0.7	55	Yes
R11: 1,000 trips	47.9	56.7	57.2	0.5	55	Yes

Table 45 shows that while the predicted total $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ noise levels at residential receivers 'R7' to 'R11' exceeds the *RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria* (see Section 5.5.1.3), the existing on road traffic noise level also exceeds the *RNP On Road Traffic Noise Criteria*.

Table 45 also shows that the calculated $L_{eq,\ 1\ hour}$ total traffic noise level results in a relative increase to the existing $L_{Aeq,\ 1\ hour}$ total traffic noise level at the receiver location of less than 2 dB during the day periods, and is therefore considered acceptable. As per Section 3.4, paragraph 3 of the RNP, *'in assessing feasible and reasonable mitigation measures, an increase of up to 2 dB represents a minor impact that is considered barely perceptible to the average person'* and Section 3.4.1, Step 4, paragraph 2, *'for existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by* ***additional traffic on existing roads generated by land use developments****, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB above that of the corresponding 'no build option'*.

Considering the above, the road traffic noise associated with the development is considered acceptable and is not likely to be perceptible to the average person.