

Objections To Scots Application

We strongly object to the Scots College on the basis of the following:

- 1) The proposal increases the floor space which ultimately will increase the capacity of students and staff which inevitably leads to an increase in car numbers for the area.
- 2) This has clearly been demonstrated over the last 15 – 20 years where the College has consistently stated with each additional application that student and staff numbers will not increase as a result of the subject application. Notwithstanding this, the number of students has increased year on year to the point where they are massively in breach of their maximum allowable enrolment numbers and have a shortfall of on-site car spaces of approx. 200.
- 3) This increase in student and staff numbers has had a massive impact on the residents in terms of the number of cars and buses using the surrounding streets causing huge traffic congestion and dangerous traffic situations on a daily basis. An example of this is parents double parking on Cranbrook Road at pick up time, forcing cars coming down the road onto the opposite side of the road, around a blind corner, regularly creating an extremely dangerous situation. In addition, in the mornings at drop off time, it is very difficult entering Victoria Road due to the heavy traffic, resulting in massive backup of cars down Cranbrook Road.
- 4) The increased car numbers from the school parking in the adjoining streets, is also resulting in a complete lack of amenity for the residents and their visitors/tradesmen etc to find car parking near the properties they are visiting/servicing.
- 5) Commissioner Dixon stated in the NSW Land & Environment Court in 2014 that “... the school has not undertaken an adequate analysis of the localised traffic and parking impacts” of the increased student population. She accepted the local residents’ evidence of the dangerous traffic situation occurring on a daily basis. “I am unable to be satisfied that the proposed increase in student numbers would not have an unacceptable impact on traffic and parking in the vicinity of the school...”
- 6) As a minimum, the school should be forced to address their traffic issues before any further expansion plans are approved and be made to design an internal drop off and pick up driveway loop, internal to their property to alleviate congestion. This would be consistent with what many other schools have been forced to do.