

I am objecting to this development on the basis of the following issues in relation to how the Scots College New Application is aggressively developing within our suburb and not providing adequate facilities (such as parking and Traffic management and movement of pupils physically within the suburb) for its growth.

As an immediate neighbour to the Scots College main campus, life has gradually been intruded on, in our once peaceful suburb. Once a symbiotic and balanced reciprocal relationship has now become one that the school has invaded and feels its entitlement to have the run of the suburb for its use.

1. Traffic Issues

I am expressing my concern on this DA specifically, as I believe that Scots College need to first address the issue of congestion and providing appropriate traffic facilities for its students, before adding to the congestion of the suburb through large building works.

Parking: The suburb is used as a carpark for the school. This includes parking for staff and pupils, double and triple parking at pick up and drop off times. 7.45am-9am and 2.45pm-5pm by parents. Teaching and all Staff and pupils park throughout the suburb. This is in Cranbrook Rd, Cranbrook Lane, Kambala Rd, Carrington St, Mansion Rd and Victoria Rd. This is to such an extent, one cannot park outside one's own house or have guests. There is not adequate parking provided by the School on School grounds for their own staff, teachers, ground staff and pupils. School functions such as fundraisers, football games or sports days leave the suburb at a stand still. Lastly, our streets are used for its service vehicles: small and large. Small vehicles such as buggies should be confined to their grounds, and are not road worthy.

Traffic infringements:

As a result of current congestion, parents of the school do not comply with parking restrictions and signage, and do as they please. This causes inconvenience to neighbours who have no association with the school.

Buses:

Our suburb is a "Telford's" bus depot. Traffic along Victoria Rd at times can be at gridlock from March St intersection **all along Victoria Rd**. This is due to parents stopping to pick up children and coming back into traffic at will. No emergency vehicles can get access to houses in the streets of our suburb due to the congestion. Furthermore, there are so many buses that they even have them parked all the way down in O'Sullivan Rd. The boys all wait on the pavement, not on school grounds to be collected. Finally, public buses (such as the 326 on Victoria road) are often not able to stop at Bus Stops in the street, as there is no space for them to actually pull up at the bus stops designated for government buses. There are up to 9 buses parked at the Victoria Rd entrance to the school, up to 5 pm. I am concerned if this DA is approved, that continued development will increase congestion throughout the suburb further, which I believe is already at breaking point.

2. Pupil safety

If this DA is passed, I am concerned for the safety of the students, as I don't believe the school has safely catered for the foot traffic.

Pupil numbers:

In the past, Scots has had a history of inaccurately declaring the numbers of pupils that attend the school. The increase in intake of pupils over the years has never been reported, however it is clear that the traffic facilities needed by the School within the suburb has not been adequately provided by them.

Secondly, by further development of the library ,it is just another development by the school without a true declaration of the growth of the school .It is not being transparent about the use of facilities by the school and the increase in size of the school, I am concerned that Scots College will once again be motivated to increase their student numbers, and thus increasing the congestion of this suburb. I believe that Scots College need to focus on providing other facilities to their students, before focussing on the library. Examples of these include:

- a) **Pick up and drop off sites for pupils: Currently these zones are made** at random on the Victoria Rd and Cranbrook Rd exits without Council approval. This encourages the parents to double park and do U turns as suits them.
- b) **Underground tunnels connecting school buildings: Currently, large numbers of up to 50 boys at a time are coming** out of the assembly hall or oval I drift across the road. The boys do not always follow direction of the traffic lights. There should be an underground tunnel connecting the school buildings on either side of Victoria Rd. This is the case at Kincoppal School in Rose Bay. The traffic flow along Victoria Rd is repeatedly interfered with just because of movement of pupils, not residents.
- c) **Off street parking or parking regulation** needs to be established, in order to stop intruding on residents parking.

We object to the new development by this College as it has other facilities that need provision for running its own Business. It is in the business of running an educational institution and it is placing responsibility on the residents of this suburb, the provision of facilities that it should be providing. The provision of parking for buses, staff and pupils. Movement of pupils between campuses should not be facilitated by the residents of our suburb. This School has feels it is its right to use the suburb for its own business development.

The School should be providing carpark facilities on school grounds for its staff and pupils, as it is at many other private schools.

Yours

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