



Traffic & Parking Management Plan

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Preamble

St Anthony of Padua Catholic College Austral will be a 4-stream primary and 8 stream secondary college in the community of schools under the governance of the Sydney Catholic Schools system within the Archdiocese of Sydney. St Anthony of Padua opened in 2018. It is anticipated that the College will grow its enrolment to approximately 2,280 students in future years, in addition to a 125-place childcare centre, in response to demand for primary education in the Liverpool Local Government Area.

Purpose

The purpose of the Traffic Management Plan ("The Plan") is to provide staff, parents, students and the local community with guiding principles and protocols that assure:

1. The students who attend St Anthony of Padua Austral can arrive and depart safely to and from the college;
2. Adequate controls are in place to ensure local neighbourhood pedestrian and vehicular traffic amenity is maintained;
3. Adequate review mechanisms are implemented to ensure "the plan" is responsive to changing circumstances, including heeding directives from authorised traffic officers;
4. "The plan" will be amended as necessary to ensure purposes #1 and #2 are maintained.

Overall Principles of Traffic Management

The overall principles of traffic management for the student set-down and pick-up operation are as follows:

- provide a safe and convenient environment for students;
- minimise impact of on-street parking in the vicinity of the site, particularly during the morning and afternoon peak periods;
- manage and control vehicles and pedestrians in Eleventh Avenue and Tenth Avenue during the morning and afternoon periods;
- manage and control children crossing Eleventh Avenue and Tenth Avenue;
- encourage older children to travel with siblings and to use public transport services to travel to and from the college;
- provide appropriate curbside parking restrictions.
- minimise effects on pedestrian movements and amenity;
- maintain pedestrian access throughout the college and develop safe and appropriate pedestrian facilities;
- provide convenient access to public transport, including rail and bus services at Leppington railway station (including shuttle bus operated by the school);
- manage and control traffic on the internal access roads;
- provide appropriate on-site parking for staff, Year 12 students and visitors (312 car spaces plus 14 disabled spaces);
- provide appropriate on-site bicycle parking (180 bicycle spaces), including the provision of lockers and change facilities;
- provide appropriate access for emergency vehicles;
- encourage a low speed environment within the college;
- maintain safety for students and staff;
- manage and control student set-down and pick-up at the college, including provision for 125 drop off and pick up spaces;
- improve internal circulation within the site; and
- minimise pedestrian/vehicular conflicts.

In order to minimise the effect of parents/carers setting down and picking up students during the morning and afternoon and also to minimise the number of vehicles present in the vicinity of the college, the following measures are also proposed:

- continue to encourage parents/carers to require older children to use public transport services, if appropriate.
- encourage carpooling to increase the number of students per car and to reduce the total number of cars in the area at any given time;
- manage the pick-up operation of students during the afternoon period; and
- inform parents/carers of the student set-down and pick-up arrangements for the college and encourage them to follow the proposed measures.

Responsibility The St Anthony of Padua Austral college principal is the responsible person, who implements, reviews and amends as necessary “the plan”.

At present that person is – The Principal

The Principal is supported in this role by the St Anthony of Padua Austral Traffic Committee, comprising of the Deputy Principal, key school executive and other staff and or parents as determined by the Principal.

Implementation “The Plan” will come into effect in 2020 and will be reviewed quarterly.
(Note: Given the college is developing and traffic management will be influenced by construction activity, the college proposes to implement negotiated interim traffic management for the short term.)

Other Strategies Whilst “The Plan” focuses on the safe and efficient movement of traffic associated with the drop-off and pick-up of students by private vehicle, it also complements other strategies the college is implementing and promoting with respect to arrivals and departures, such as:

- Students, accompanied by parent(s)/carer(s) walking to college such as walk-to-school bus scheme;
(Benefit: Health and wellbeing and community building through social interaction of parents during journey and on arrival);
- Students walking to college unaccompanied;
(Benefit: Student health and wellbeing and building independence and resilience);
- Students riding bicycles to college;
(Benefit: Student health and wellbeing; secure bike racks provided by college);
- Students encouraged to use public transport;
(Benefit: Taking advantage of local bus services. Enrolment pack will include: Student travel pass applications and Local transport options and routes)
- Parents are encouraged to carpool;
(Benefit: Community building and reduction in vehicle movements.)

Parent Orientation

When parent(s)/carer(s) enroll their children at St Anthony of Padua Austral, they not only commit to supporting the ideals and principles of Catholic education, they also commit to supporting the “*policies and procedures of St Anthony of Padua Austral and the Archdiocese of Sydney*”. To that effect they commit to supporting and abiding by the procedures and protocols of the Traffic Management Plan.

“The Plan” will be included in the Enrolment Pack, as well as public transport information and other travel options.

Communication To ensure “The Plan” remains viable and effective; the college will provide updates and changes to procedures through the following media:

- College fortnightly newsletters; *(Note: the college will regularly publish articles relating to traffic safety)*

- The College App, whereby notification and alerts can be sent to parents at any time; *(Note: the App will prove to be an effective tool in communicating given the speed and coverage)*
- Emails to parents; *(Note: important notifications will be sent via email to parent(s)/carer(s).)*

College Hours Supervision of students on site commences at 08:20 and concludes at 15:30. Supervision is provided by teaching staff only.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up General Principles

The arrival of students travelling by car will be supervised between 08:20 and 08:45;
The departure of students travelling by car will be supervised between 15:00 and 15:30.

Supervising staff will be required to wear high visibility vests and will be focused on student safety and monitoring of traffic flow.

All vehicles entering the parking controlled zone or the purpose of picking up and setting down during term time will only approach from the East, proceed along the length of the zone, dropping off only at the designated area.

Drop-Off Protocols

The drop-off for students will be naturally staggered with cars arriving randomly over the supervised period from 08:20 to 08:45 with the peak expected between 08:30 – 08:45 given parents arrive at various times depending on their family's schedule.

(Note: It is anticipated that, upon completion of the building program, before and after college care program will be operating each day of the college term to cater for parents that need to drop off their child(ren) prior to playground supervision starting at 08:20).

Pick-up Protocols

The afternoon pick-up will be staggered.

The college will implement an alphabetical grouping of students into three even-sized groups; numbered "1", "2" and "3".

The following pick-up schedule will be followed:

Group	Time
1	15:00 – 15:10
2	15:10 – 15:20
3	15:20 – 15:30

Cars arriving before the allocated time will be required to drive through the pick-up zone and return at the appropriate time.

Supervisors shall monitor and record non-conformities to enable the principal to take necessary corrective action; supervising teachers are not permitted to direct traffic.

For those families participating in the staff-assisted pick-up arrangements, the following procedures shall be followed:

- At the prescribed commencement time, staff will be positioned at the designated pick up spaces which will be identified by a red traffic cone;
- Senior leadership staff, experienced in drop-off and pick-up systems will oversee the process and provide troubleshooting;
- Classroom teachers will ensure all students are dismissed on time;

- Students will be marshaled on the college site into their pick-up groups according to the alphabetical order by surname, to prevent delays in accessing their car;
- The student name and time slot for pickup will be displayed on the passenger side sun visor or dashboard;
- At arrival at the start of the pick-up bay, the staff member will relay via wireless microphone the name of student, who will then be directed to a pickup point;
- The student will enter the car from the passenger side only at the pick-up point. Staff will assist by handing student bag into the car. (*Note: Staff must never assist students enter the car from the roadside*);
- Parents will remain in their car and have control of their vehicle at all times. (*Note: It is the driver's responsibility to ensure his/her passengers' seat belts are secured.*)
- It is required that, should a vehicle arrive at the head of the pick-up queue and the student is not yet ready, then the vehicle will leave the vehicle pick-up queue, drive around the block and rejoin the queue.

Car Parking

- The college currently provides 31 car parking for vehicles and 2 disabled spaces within the existing car park located on Eleventh Avenue. These will be maintained.
- The college will provide car parking for vehicles within new car parks off Fourth Avenue and Tenth Avenue, for a further 281 car parking spaces plus 12 disabled spaces.
- The main on-site staff car park area, which is located off Tenth Avenue, will provide car parking for 101 vehicles plus 4 disabled spaces, 11 carpooling spaces and 36 student set-down/pick-up spaces
- The other car parks are located on Fourth Avenue near the multipurpose hall (which provide a total of 100 car parks plus 4 disabled car parks plus 24 drop off spaces and one electric car charging station.
- A small car park is available off Fourth Avenue, providing 31 car parks and 2 disabled spaces for future training centre.
- As part of the pickup and drop off through Site Link, there is a car park adjacent providing 37 car parks and 2 disabled spaces.
- A campus driveway/drop off area located on the western side of the development connecting Tenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue will be the main traffic thoroughfare. It will contain 37 carparks and 2 disabled spaces, as well as 65 drop off spaces.
- On-site parking is also available for service vehicles and garbage collection vehicles. These vehicles will be accommodated on the internal circulation roads within the college and provision has been made to cater for vehicles ranging from small commercial vehicles to medium rigid trucks.
- Loading facilities for the college are located adjacent to the college facilities. The service areas within the college have been designed to allow service vehicles to turn around on-site, with trucks entering and exiting the site in a forward direction.
- In addition to on-site parking, bus zones are provided on-street in Forth Avenue and Tenth Avenue.
- The car parks will be available for use in conjunction with community uses of multipurpose hall, church or sporting fields outside of college hours.

Bicycle Parking & Facilities

- Bicycle access to the college is available from Fourth Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue
- Bicycle parking is provided for:
 - 10 bicycles spaces adjacent to Eleventh Avenue piazza (open) – Student and Visitor parking
 - 120 bicycles adjacent to the carparks in the carparks accessed from Tenth Avenue (enclosed) – Student parking Only

- 10 bicycles off Tenth Avenue, in between the soccer field and basketball courts (open) – Student and Visitor parking
- 20 bicycle spaces for staff and end of trip facilities which include showers and changerooms within the main college building (enclosed & Secure) - Staff
- 20 bicycles adjacent to Fourth Avenue (open) – Student and Visitor parking