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Dear Householder

In July 2019 the NSW Department of Planning approved the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's development application to construct an early learning centre, three stream primary school, seven stream high school and chapel at 507 Medowie Road, Medowie.

Community consultation has shaped the planned development, which will commence with the construction of the chapel and provision of Years 7 and 8 at the college from 2021, with the opening of a St Nicholas Early Education Centre to follow soon after.

When complete, the high school will be able to accommodate 1200 students from Years 7 to 12 and will feature state of the art learning centres, including a library and recreation areas. It will be the first Catholic secondary school in Port Stephens and will benefit the community at large by reducing travel times and increasing options for education.

In addition to the construction of the College, extensive works will be undertaken to upgrade Medowie Road, providing traffic lights at the South Street intersection including North and South-bound turning lanes at entry and exit points and dedicated pedestrian crossings with safety islands. These roadworks will be undertaken by a specialist contractor and will commence shortly after building works with completion prior to the College opening.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has appointed North Construction and Building Pty Ltd (North) to deliver Stage 1 works including the chapel, St Nicholas Early Education Centre, Block A of the high school, parking bays, slip lane, a dedicated bus entry lane and drop off zones.

Construction will commence in October 2019 and is forecast to be completed in December 2020.

North is responsible for the development and management of the construction site in accordance with the Department of Planning guidelines.

The community are invited to contact North if they have questions or concerns regarding construction related matters. Please refer to appended Development update from North.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is committed to transparent community consultation. If you would like to register your interest in attending a community forum, please contact;

Catherine McAuley Catholic College community hotline on (02) 4923 0618.
Alternatively, you can send an email to MedowieProject@mn.catholic.org.au

This hotline and email address will be monitored from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, with an ability to leave a voicemail.

Any construction enquiries should be referred to North in the first instance. However, you may also contact the Diocese via the above-mentioned community hotline and email should you seek additional information or support.

Further information about the project, including environmental management plans and construction progress as well as information about the College's operations (including employment and enrolment opportunities) can be found online at <https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/region-map/north/catherine-mcauley-catholic-college/>

Regards and thanks

Yours sincerely



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