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1. Introduction and Summary

1.1 Purpose of Report and Study Objectives

1.1.1 Background

The Catherine McAuley Catholic College Stage 1 Bus Management Plan has been prepared to satisfy the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and Transport for NSW.

The project involves construction of the initial stage of educational facilities, including a Secondary School and Early Learning Centre. It includes the following in this initial stage of construction:

- Interim secondary school (270 students, 25 staff)
- Early learning centre (40 spaces, 15 staff)

The development will cater for parking and pick up / drop off demands on site including bus pick up and drop off within the school site.

1.1.2 Scope of Report

Bus Pick-up/Drop-off

E40. Prior to the issue of Occupation Certificate for Stage 1, a bus management plan is to be prepared in consultation with TfNSW (RMS) and Council and be submitted to the Planning Secretary for information. The bus management plan must be updated and reviewed for each subsequent stage.

1.1.3 Issues and Objectives of the study

The traffic assessment completed to support the approval for this interim stage of the new development outlines the proposed infrastructure to cater for the traffic and parking demands for the development including bus access.

This Bus Management Plan is to document the operational measures associated with the bus pick up and drop off within the school as well as access and traffic management as they relate to buses.

1.2 Site Location



Figure 1-1: Subject site in the context of the local road network

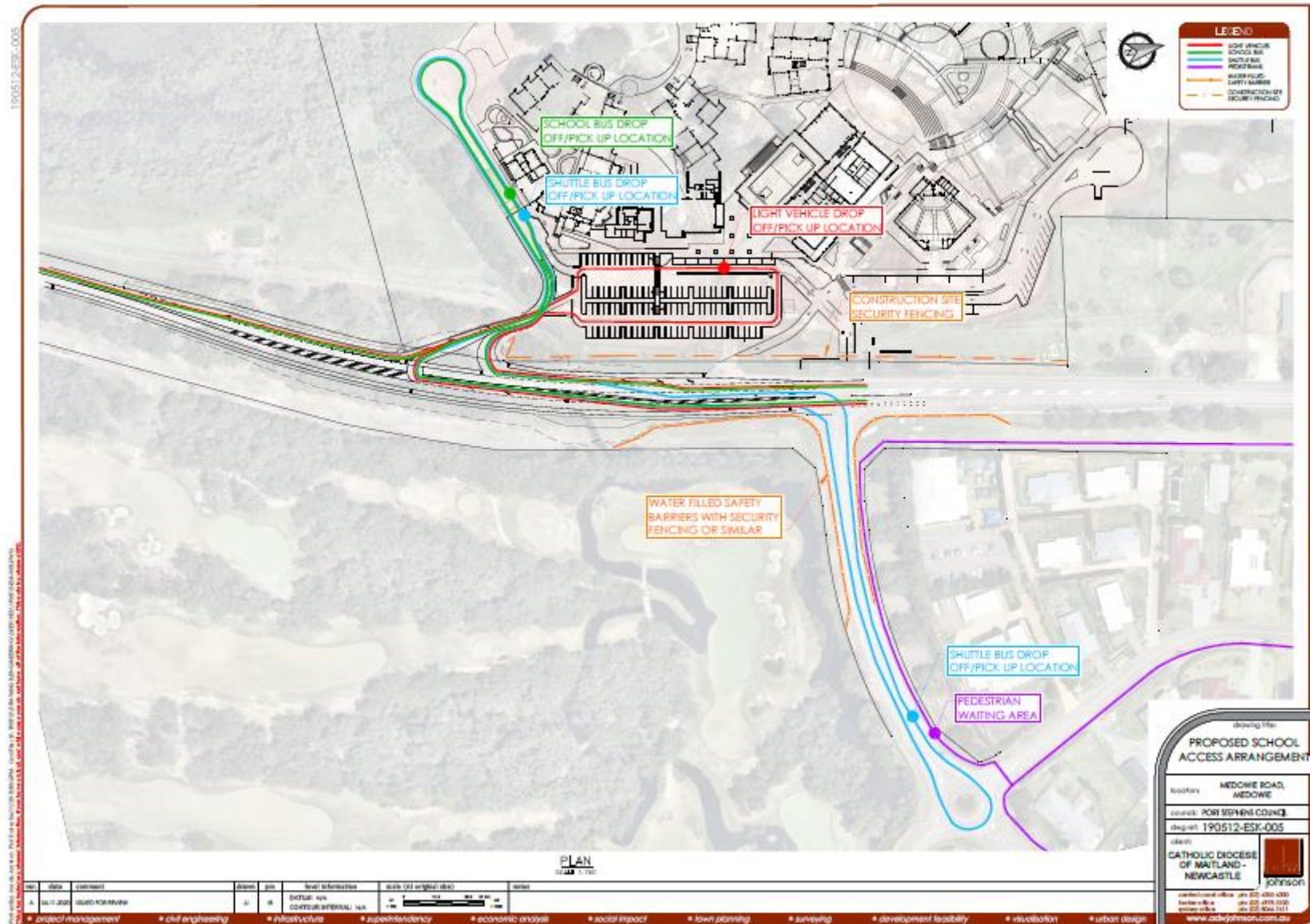


Figure 1-2: Site Plan showing vehicle and pedestrian movements

2. Bus Services

Initial advice from the bus providers is as follows:

- Port Stephens Coaches anticipate 1-2 buses per drop off and pick up
- Busways anticipate 1
- Hunter Valley Buses anticipate 4-5.

Buses will enter the site between 8:20am and 9:00am.

Afternoon services are between 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Routes servicing the broader catchment will be incorporated into other school pick up and drop off services.

School buses shall enter the school and undertake a u-turn within the bus area to then stand within the bus zone in the vicinity of the Early Learning Centre

On site management

As this is a high school the requirement for direct supervision is less than for a primary school cohort.

Students catching buses will be aware of their bus arrival time and route numbers and shall ensure they are within the bus pick up area prior to the bus arrival.

Teachers shall be allocated for general supervision of the bus area to ensure safety is maintained.

The school may look to implement a system where older students are nominated as bus monitors to assist younger students as the school expands.

On site bus and vehicle traffic management

Bus movements within the school are to have priority over vehicles to ensure efficient and timely movement for these services.

The internal road network has been designed to require vehicles exiting the carpark to give way to buses being on their right.

A Keep Clear zone is being marked on the internal road to ensure buses exiting are not impacted by vehicles wishing to turn right into the carpark.

A Give Way to Approaching Buses sign is to be located on the internal bus road to give priority to entering buses as two buses cannot negotiate the culvert and bend. This will also reduce queue lengths on the entry road.

The gravel bus turn around area also provides access to construction traffic which are the only vehicles permitted to use this area. No other vehicles are permitted to enter this part of the internal roadway. Large construction vehicles and deliveries will not access this area during the peak drop off and pick up periods.

3. Bus Routes and Timetables

The following bus routes and timetables are available for students at Catherine McCauley Catholic College. *(To be completed once updated information is available)*

Routes are currently being reviewed and modified to provide for the school. Indicative services may include:

Port Stephens Coaches

Bus No.	Destination	AM Departure	PM Departure
	Fingal Bay/Shoal Bay (connect to Nelson Bay service)		
	Nelson Bay		
	Soldiers Point (connect to Nelson Bay service at Salamander Central)		

Busways

Bus route number	Localities	AM Departure – School Arrival	Departure PM
	Northern region		

Hunter Valley Buses

Bus No.	Origin	AM Departure - School arrival	Departure PM
	Stockton Wharf/Fern Bay (public service to South Street)		
	Lemon Tree Passage/Salt Ash		
	Medowie		
	Raymond Terrace		
	Seaham		

4. Monitoring and Review

This Bus Management Plan shall require ongoing monitoring and review to provide for the implementation of Stage 1 for the site and to support changing circumstances.

Such a review should occur frequently during the first year of implementation with weekly monitoring for the first month and ongoing regular reviews to consider changes to arrangements within the site.

The review should include consultation with bus providers, staff and the school community.

Once the school is complete and the plan has been fully implemented then an annual review is appropriate.

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