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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: SSD 6339 St Catherine's School Campus Master Plan and Stage 1 development

I am writing to object strongly to the Masterplan DA and Stage 1 proposals currently before the Department of Planning & Environment as lodged by St Catherine's School, 26 Albion Street, Waverley.

- I object to the lack of a comprehensive and sustainable transport plan. The school is increasing its dependence on individual car based transport for over 600 of its students, clogging up all surrounding streets for drop offs and pick ups. A new entry on Macpherson Street will draw students away from the Albion Street bus hub, not towards it;
- I object to the school's expectation that teachers, staff, cleaners and other services people must park in local streets because the school does not provide enough on-site parking;
- I object to proposed year round, regular use of the new indoor heated pool complex, and more noise and disturbance coming from early morning and evening swimming sessions putting more strain onto local streets for parking;
- I object to the likelihood of more noise and disturbance coming from more events at the new theatre and entertainment terrace, relying on local streets for parking;
- I object to the lack of adequate parking on the school site. The school relies on local streets, including for teachers, volunteer and office staff, and tradies vehicles during construction. All other landlocked private schools in the region provide staff and visitors with an on-site parking station. Why not St Catherine's?

St Catherine's is diversifying into commercial activities and should comply with planning controls for parking, on site drop off and pick ups, active travel, hours of operation, caps on student numbers and the provision of annual lists of major events to Council and the Precincts.