

SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT of PLANNING and ENVIRONMENT

St Catherine's School Master Plan (SSD 6339) **29 Albion Street, Waverley**

The Waverley Traffic Committee, at its meeting on 29 January, 2015 when providing engineering advice on the School's Master Plan, resolved unanimously that the following recommendations from the Committee be referred to the Department of Planning and Environment for consideration in the assessment of the Campus Master Plan for St Catherine's School:

WAVERLEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Master Plan be amended to provide a substantial amount of additional on-site parking, for example a minimum of 200 car spaces - currently only 19 extra car spaces are proposed in addition to the existing 56 car spaces. This is essential due to, but not limited by, the:
 - (a) Existing over-subscribed on-street parking in the area
 - (b) Proposed increase in capacity of the school, including students, teachers, staff and visitors, and
 - (c) Proposed intensification of school functions associated with the new buildings, including the 500 seat theatre and large aquatic centre.

The development of the RPAC should be dependent on providing the additional parking, that is, the parking should be physically provided with the first stage of development.
2. A drive through drop off/pick up area be integrated into the proposal to:
 - (a) mitigate the compounding traffic congestion impacts around the school due to an increase in parent numbers as a result of the increase in student numbers,
 - (b) Improve community safety
 - (c) Reduce illegal and unsafe parking, and
 - (d) Improve residential amenity
3. The school develop a modal shift with specific performance indicators
4. The existing driveway on Macpherson Street being widened at the car park entry and on Macpherson Street to cater for full and unimpeded two way operation and improve driver sighting of pedestrians.
5. The car park in the basement under the RPAC building being designed without blind aisles in order to improve circulation and prevent gridlock and queuing back out onto Macpherson Street during events at the school both during and outside school hours.

6. Parking associated with the operation of the aquatic centre should be fully catered for on site.
7. The relocation of the existing pedestrian crossing on Macpherson Street to the east to provide additional spaces for vehicles in the drop off/pick up zone will require consultation with affected residents prior to implementation. It should be noted it is likely there will be significant opposition to the relocation of the crossing by residents who will lose on street parking outside and near to their dwellings.
8. The "Traffic and Transport Assessment" report failed to determine the impact there will be on traffic and parking should there be more than one event taking place at the school at the one time.
9. The parking surveys undertaken in streets near the school should be carried out over a longer time period to cater for differing parking demands at the school on different days of the week.
10. There be better and improved organisation of the operation of the drop off/pick up zones on all road frontages to reduce the incidence of illegal parking and queuing of traffic through intersections, both in the short term, and longer term (see Clause 2 above).
11. Concern is raised for the adequacy of the drop off/pick up zone on Leichhardt Street to cater for any increase in the number of students using the gates at that zone to enter and exit the school.
12. There be a localised widening of Leichardt Lane on its western side near the substation to cater for the manoeuvring of delivery vehicles and Council's waste removal trucks so that they can enter and exit Leichhardt Lane in a forward direction.
13. A detailed construction vehicle and pedestrian plan of management should be submitted to Council for approval for all stages of the development.
14. There being a lack of a comprehensive and sustainable transport plan.
15. There is a lack of detail relating to the operation of a shuttle bus service for special events regarding the number of buses envisaged, who will operate them, what size buses will operate and where the buses will legally park.
16. There needs to be further investigation into the performance of the intersections of Macpherson Street and Albion Street and Macpherson Street and Leichhardt Street with a view to maintaining the current level of service.