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Social Impact Comment

The proposed works will provide positive social and economic benefits to local residents, the wider Strathfield LGA and Sydney basin. These potential impacts include:

- The addition of 59 onsite carparking spaces for College Staff. Increasing on street parking for residents.
- The disruption to College operations and the Edgar Street right-of-way during the construction phase that can be mitigated through effective communication and implementation of a Construction Management Plan.
- The creation of temporary job opportunities in the demolition and construction phase of the development.
- The creation of permanent job opportunities for support and teaching roles upon completion of the project. It is anticipated that an additional 15 staff will need to be employed to support the needs of an additional 354 students.
- An increase in student numbers that will help to alleviate pressures on the Government to provide places for an increasing school-aged population which was almost 750,000 in 2017 and expected to grow by 36% or 273,000 students by 2036. The built form will help to support the increase in staff and student numbers.
- The improvement of indoor and outdoor spaces for play and recreation leading to positive health and wellbeing outcomes for staff, students and external users alike.
- The creation of formal and informal areas of learning that are designed to promote social interactions between teachers and students, improve educational outcomes and provide spaces adaptable to changes to educational pedagogy in future.
- The design of the built form that has been considered to ensure amenity will be maintained for nearby residents and users of the right-of-way along Edgar Street. External materials and finishes will be selected to complement the surrounding built & natural environment.
- The new school facilities will also support the opportunity for a greater connection with the extended school and local community. These opportunities may include community use of tennis courts and access to other suitable recreational facilities from time to time.
- The is designed with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in mind, improving the current environment to create safer spaces and improve passive surveillance.