

A community update from Loreto Normanhurst

November 2020

For more than 120 years, Loreto Normanhurst has been part of the Hornsby Shire community with a 400-year mission to educate, encourage and inspire young women.

Over recent years, Loreto Normanhurst has been developing a master plan to guide the next 30 years.

In October, the School provided you with an update on proposed changes to traffic management. This newsletter provides an overview in response to recent feedback from neighbours as well as further information on our master plan, traffic management initiatives and future growth strategy.

Immediate steps

We heard from the community that traffic flow needs to improve. From Term 1, 2021 Loreto will implement a pilot of green travel initiatives to reduce staff, students, and parents' use of vehicles.

Our immediate steps include:

-  Research with a view to establishing a shuttle bus to and from a local station to encourage train travel.
-  Subject to regulatory approval, install Opal card top-up facilities at the school.
-  Encouraging carpooling by allocating 5 car share spaces on site, (subject to Covid-19 safety protocols).
-  Distributing a travel guide to educate parents, staff, and students about public transport options.
-  Increasing the information provided to incoming families and new members of staff about green travel plans.

Planning for the future

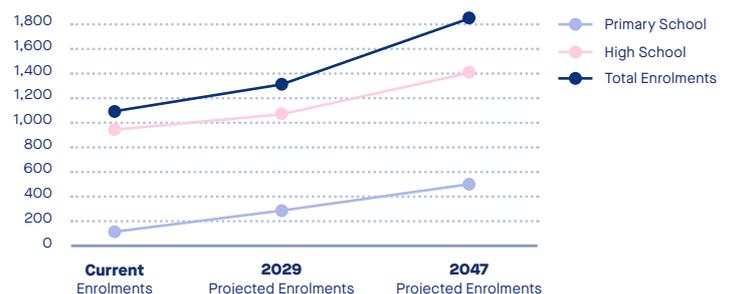
Loreto Normanhurst is planning for a 30-year period because there is a growing need for excellent schools and open space crucial for students to learn and play in Sydney's north.

The proposal is consistent with the strategic planning directions of the Greater Sydney Region Plan and the North District Plan which identify a 20% increase in school enrolments by 2036 within the North District area of Sydney.

The school's growth is planned over four stages delivered across 30 years. The overall proposal aims to increase the student capacity incrementally by 850 students by the year 2047.

The NSW Department of Education guideline for minimum play space is 10 square metres per student. Several Sydney schools are falling short of minimum play space requirements.

Loreto Normanhurst has 39.5 square metres of open space per student. Subject to approval, in the year 2047 Loreto will have 24.9 square metres of open space per student, more than double the State's current requirements.



About the planning process

A master plan is a long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development. A master plan is not approval to develop.

In June 2019 Loreto lodged a master plan. If this master plan is approved, the School would have approval to develop the traffic strategies outlined in stages 1-3.

Master plan stages

Loreto has staged student growth so that improvements to traffic flow, are delivered before any increase in student numbers.

Stage 1

Timeline: Subject to planning approval, this stage will be delivered as soon as practical.

Student capacity: No growth in student numbers.

- Pilot Green Travel Plan to reduce car use.
- Close Pennant Hills Road driveway to staff and students (on the direction of NSW Roads and Maritime Services).
- Expand the Osborn Road car park (P3 on the map) by 23 spaces.
- Relocate pick-up and drop-off to the Osborn Road car park (P3 on the map). This will double the on-site capacity and reduce queuing on Osborn Road.
- Reconfigure the primary school car park and construct a new boarding house car park (with 15 additional spaces).

Stage 2

Timeline: Prior to Primary School Expansion and/or growth in student numbers.

- Constructing a through-site access road. Resulting in a five-fold increase in on-site queuing capacity.
- Constructing a new car park which will provide approximately 30 additional spaces, above the tennis courts (P7 on the map).

Stage 3

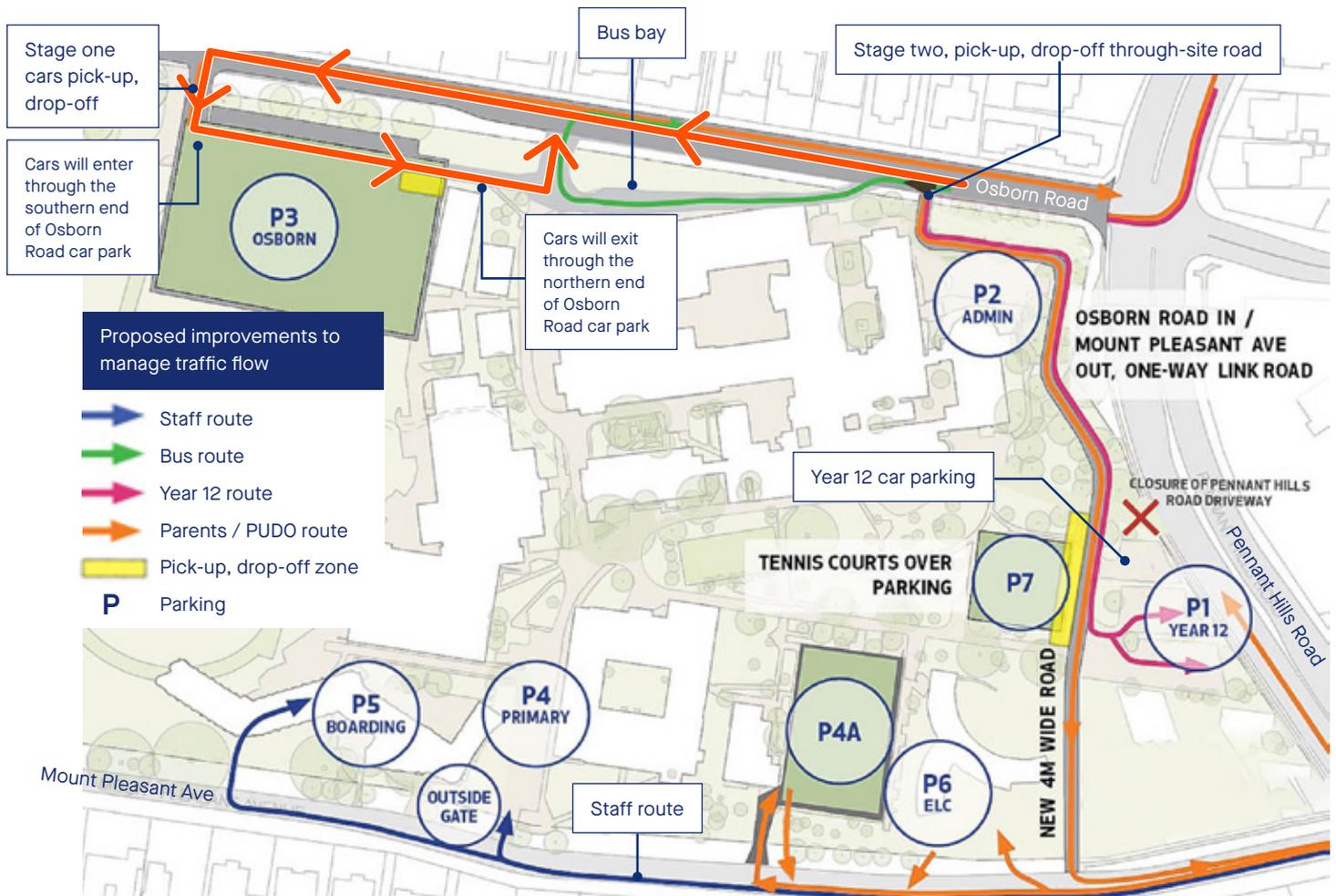
Timeline: At 50% Primary School growth

- Provision of basketball car park for approximately 60 car spaces.

Stage 4

Timeline: At 50% high school growth.

- Osborn Road car park expansion for approximately 116 car spaces.



Next steps

Loreto Normanhurst will lodge a response to submissions with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in the coming weeks.

The updated plans will go on public exhibition later this year. DPIE will inform near neighbours when the updated plans are available on public exhibition.

Your feedback

Urbis, a community engagement company, is collecting feedback. You can contact the Urbis Engagement team on 1800 244 863 or email engagement@urbis.com.au for further information or to provide feedback.

