

A community update from Loreto Normanhurst

March 2021

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 planning of the campus over the next 30 years.

In November, we provided you with an overview in response to recent feedback from neighbours and further information on our master plan, traffic management initiatives and future growth strategy. Loreto Normanhurst used this information to lodge a response to submissions with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in February 2021.

The updated plans in the response to submissions are consistent with the information from the November update. This newsletter provides a further update on the traffic management initiatives, and a recap of the master plan.

Green travel initiatives update

We heard from the community that traffic flow needs to improve. The green travel plan has been successfully launched with the community, and a number of pilot initiatives have been implemented since the start of the school year. These initiatives will reduce staff, students, and parents' use of vehicles. To date we have progressed the implementation of the green travel plan by:

- ✓ Starting a shuttle bus from Cherrybrook Metro Station with two morning and three afternoon runs.
- ✓ Providing a bicycle storage area for staff and students.
- ✓ Encouraging carpooling by allocating seven car share spaces on site, (subject to Covid-19 safety protocols).
- ✓ Educating students about the Year 12 Car Park permit process.
- ✓ Developing 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.
- ✓ Researching ways to maximise the current six bus routes against our current student addresses.
- ✓ Continuing discussions to install Opal card top-up facilities at the school, subject to regulatory approval.

Update on our Early Learning Centre

In a process parallel to the master plan, Loreto has been planning for an Early Learning Centre which was approved by Hornsby Shire Council in 2018. The School has taken the decision to delay this project and construction of the Early Learning Centre will not commence before 2023. The School is committed to ensuring that traffic and parking initiatives are well embedded by this time.

Planning for the future

Loreto Normanhurst is planning for a 30-year period because there is a growing need for excellent schools in Sydney's north. 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.

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.

As part of our planning process, we have commissioned several traffic studies looking at road network changes like widening Osborn Road. These studies show that the staged improvements to traffic flow outlined in the master plan will be more effective.

Master plan stages

Stage 1

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

Student capacity: within existing approved enrolment.

- 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

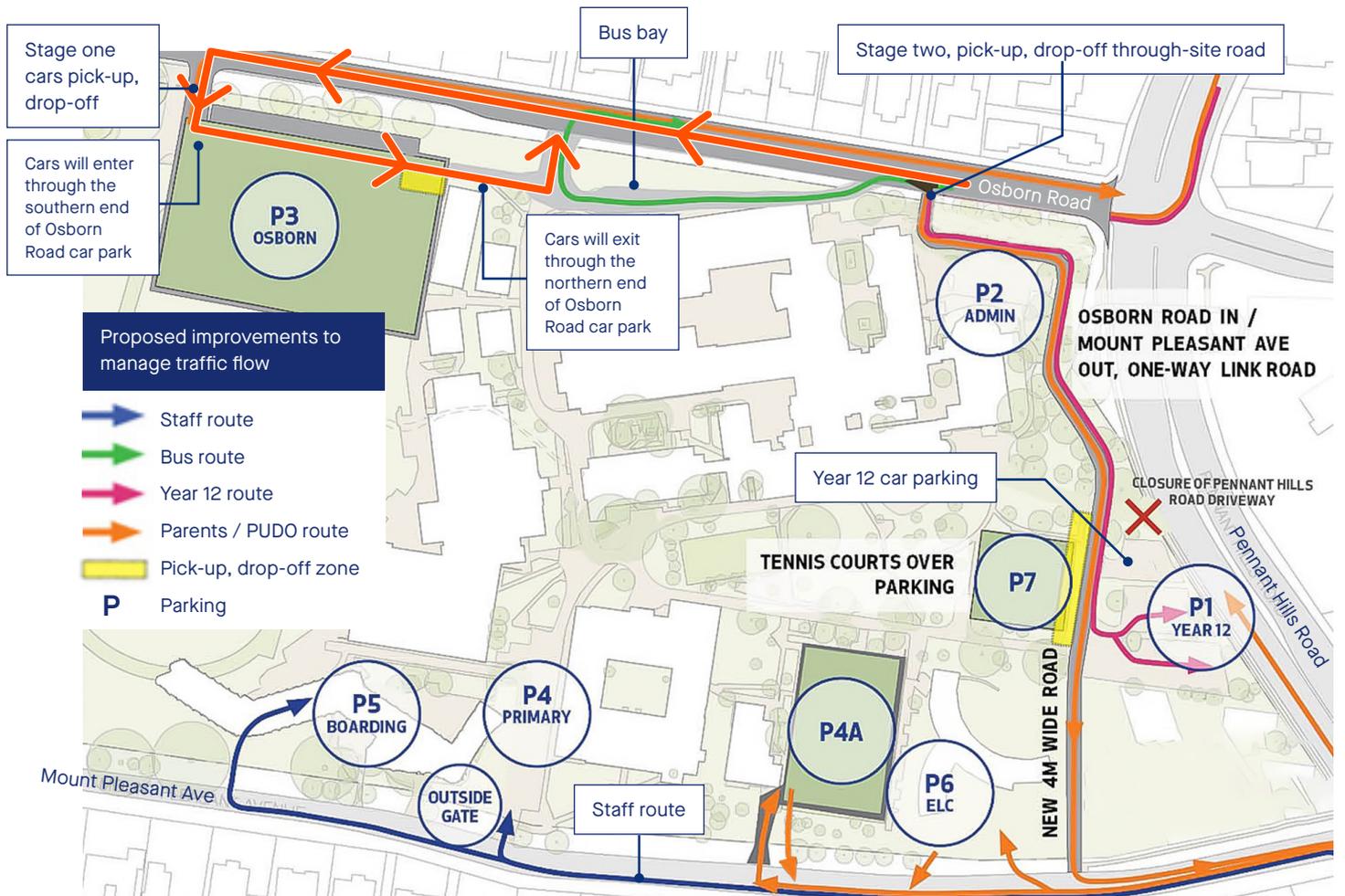
Timeline: At 50% Primary School growth

- 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

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will now review the response to submissions and make a determination on the project. Loreto Normanhurst will keep you informed about the approval process.

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.

