

A community update from Loreto Normanhurst

June 2024

For more than 125 years, Loreto Normanhurst has been part of the Hornsby Shire community with a 400-year mission to educate, encourage and inspire young women.

Loreto Normanhurst has been developing a Master Plan to guide planning of the campus over the next 30 years. We are planning for a 30-year period because there is a growing need for excellent schools in Sydney's north.

The new purpose-built Boarding School will offer student accommodation, flexible communal spaces, and updated facilities for boarding staff. It will reflect the School's vision of creating a modern, accessible, and sustainable home for boarding students.

This newsletter provides an update on these works and an overview of the next steps.

Announcing Buildcorp – our construction partner

Following a competitive selection process, Buildcorp Group Pty Limited (Buildcorp) has been selected as our head contractor for the new Boarding School. Buildcorp is a respected Australian construction company known for its expertise and commitment to quality projects.

We selected Buildcorp for their proven expertise, including in safety and traffic management on similar school projects. Their commitment to keeping construction activities completely separate from school operations will maintain a safe learning environment for our students. We are excited to have Buildcorp support us in delivering this important project for current and future students.



Figure 1 Proposed Boarding School (artist impression)

The new Boarding School – project update

Since our last update in September 2023, we lodged a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) Modification, seeking approval for minor adjustments to the previously approved SSDA for the Boarding School.

We are pleased to advise the SSDA Modification has been formally approved by DPHI, allowing us to proceed with construction.

Next Steps:

Since December 2021, the School has been working on preparatory works designed to improve traffic flow and to clear the way for the new Boarding School through demolition works. With these works now completed and approval received for the SSDA modification, construction will commence later this month. The next phase of construction includes:

- Construction of the Boarding School building located on Mount Pleasant Avenue.
- Reconfiguration of on-site car parking, located at ground level near the reception (instead of the originally proposed basement parking).
- Landscaping works.

The construction is expected to last 18 months, with completion anticipated in December 2025.

Managing construction traffic

We are dedicated to ensuring safe and appropriate traffic flow during construction.

Traffic management measures include:

- Full time traffic controllers on-site to monitor and manage construction vehicles.
- Traffic flow in and out of the school site in a forward direction only.
- No truck movements permitted on surrounding streets during school pick up and drop off.
- A 'no right turn' rule for trucks out of Mount Pleasant Avenue to prevent traffic delays. This includes a comprehensive traffic management plan for trucks moving in a southbound and northbound direction.
- Encouraging workers to carpool to reduce traffic through the area.

- Ample space for truck movements within the site to minimise on-street movements.
- Providing a designated waiting area to help trucks clear the road promptly.
- A wheel wash station on-site, supporting a clean road network.
- An online delivery management tool to ensure all vehicles arrive at their scheduled time (not earlier).

We'll monitor these measures closely and make updates as needed during construction to adapt to any changes in the area. Buildcorp will also share any community feedback or concerns with construction staff and truck drivers to ensure all required changes are quickly reflected in day-to-day activities.

Entering and exiting the school site

To ensure smooth entry and exit of construction vehicles, two new gates will be constructed and used on Mount Pleasant Avenue:

- **Gate 1 (south):** main entrance for heavy vehicles.
- **Gate 2 (north):** used as needed for accessing the northern part of the project.

Both gates are designed to accommodate truck movements within the site efficiently.

Entry to the Primary School and the existing car park within the School grounds will remain.

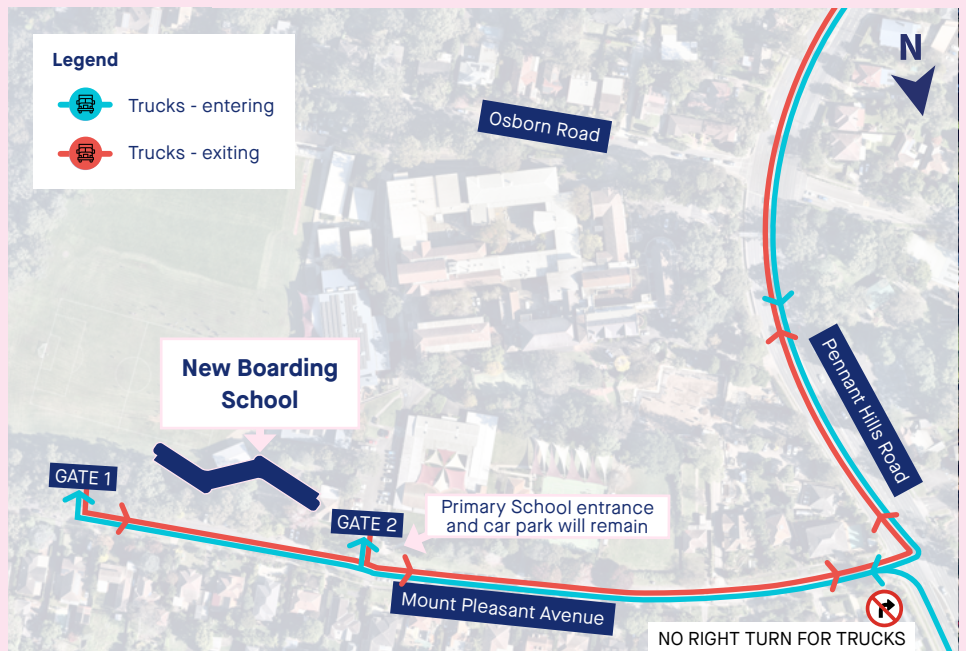


Figure 2 Managing Construction Traffic

Timeline:

- **June 2024 – We are here:**
We are undertaking pre-construction planning to support the delivery of the Boarding School.
- **1 July 2024:**
Construction of the new Boarding School will commence.
- **December 2025:**
Anticipated construction completion.

We're committed to keeping everyone informed about the project's progress. Look out for more updates via newsletters and our website: www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Contact us for more information

For any further information regarding the master plan, you can view the documents on: www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au/pages/master-plan

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