

# St Joseph's P-6 School

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Dear parents and carers,

## **St Joseph's carpark respray and footpath upgrade**

The School Board is pleased to announce the commencement of work to improve the St Joseph's carpark and footpaths following the acceptance of the successful tender from Develin Engineering. The work will commence on 8 April and is expected to be finished by the start of Term 2.

### **Consultation process review**

School community consultation on the respray design took place mid-2016. Feedback was very supportive of the design features intended to improve student safety and traffic flow. Feedback also suggested the inclusion of better footpaths to and from St Joseph's Church carpark and from the School hall to Boronia Drive, limiting the loss of parking spaces and ensuring student safety.

### **Asphalt Assessment**

The current asphalt surface has been reviewed and although there are patches requiring subsurface remediation, in the whole the surface was deemed suitable for its age and not needing replacement.

### **Design validity**

The design for the carpark has been validated by Northrop Engineers and meets ACT compliance requirements for school carparks. Harris Hobbs Landscape Architects consulted on the footpath designs.

### **Items for inclusion**

The work includes:

- Removal of trees within carpark to accommodate carpark redesign
- Respray of Boronia St carpark
- Relocate netball/basketball court including resurfacing and marking
- Remediate asphalt subsurface where reoccurring problems exist
- Add reversible netball/basketball towers
- Add concrete footpaths from Hall to Boronia St
- Add concrete footpaths from school carpark to St. Joseph's Church carpark

### **Items excluded**

The following items have been scoped and tendered however in order to contain project costs the School Board has postponed these activities for the immediate future.

- Respray of Macarthur Ave carpark
- Improvements to school oval

The below table outlines the key features and impacts of the works.

Changes	Features	Impacts
Designated parking and safe zones	The carpark has been redesigned to improve traffic flow and student access to the asphalt safe zones including the new netball/basketball court.	The designated parking and safe zones will require cars to remain within the parking zone. Cars are not to enter, pass through or park within the safe zones.
Single entry/single exit	A single entry and exit enables safer traffic flow, reduces bottlenecks and improves student safety.	The single entry/exit change will require all drivers to conform with the change of traffic conditions. Opposite direction for entry/exits will not be permitted.
Single traffic direction	A single traffic direction enables single entry and exit, reduces bottlenecks and impact on the car park surface.	The single traffic direction change will require all drivers to conform with traffic conditions. Circling within the car park will not be permitted.
Total parking spaces	All 50 parking spaces within the Boronia Drive carpark comply with standards for improved student safety.	The reduced number of parking spaces will require all drivers to park in the designated spaces or alternatively park at the St Joseph's Church car park.
Forward exit parking spaces	15 spaces permit for forward exit via the flow through lane reducing the amount of car reversing.	The forward exit car spaces will require all users of these spaces not to reverse exit and to be mindful of flow through traffic when exiting.
Designated staff parking spaces	15 spaces designated for staff parking.	The designated staff parking spaces will require staff to park in their designated spaces. Vacant staff parking spaces may be used by all drivers at drop off and pick up times.
Designated disabled parking	2 spaces designated for disabled users.	The designated disabled parking spaces are for disabled users only.
Flow through lane	The flow through lane enables access to the drop off/pick up spaces that borders the safe zone enabling ease of access for students.	The flow through lane will require users to be mindful of cars exiting the forward exit parking spaces. Drivers using the drop off/pick up spaces are not permitted to leave their cars unattended at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.
Flow through lane -morning drop off	The flow through lane permits access to drop off spaces that borders the safe zone enabling ease of access for students. Morning drop off can occur anywhere along the drop off lane.	The drop off lane requires drivers to be mindful of students exiting their cars. A teacher will be on duty to supervise drop offs between 8:20 and 8:50am.
Flow through lane - afternoon pick up	Afternoon pick up occurs within the Boronia Drive carpark. A queuing process is being implemented with pick up occurring at the front of the queue located outside the main school entrance.	The afternoon queue requires drivers to line up along the drop off lane being mindful not to block the pedestrian crossing. Pick up can only occur at the front of the queue, under staff supervision. If the student is not ready for pick up when their ride arrives at the front of the queue, the driver will be asked to exit the carpark and re-enter to re-join the end of the queue or alternatively park their car.

Macarthur Ave drive-through pick up	The Macarthur Ave drive-through pick up will be relocated to the Boronia Dr carpark to enable more efficient supervision of students.	The relocation of the drive-through pick up will require users of this service to queue along the drop off lane within the Boronia Dr carpark.
Cycle path	A cycle path is provided as distinct to a pedestrian path to increase safety.	The cycle path change will require cyclists to remain on this path and for pedestrians to use the designated pedestrian footpaths.
Pedestrian footpaths	Three pedestrian footpaths are provided to improve safe movements through and around the carpark.	Drivers will need to give way at the pedestrian crossing.
Concrete footpaths	Concrete footpaths are being added from the school hall to Boronia Dr and from the school carpark to St Joseph's Church carpark.	The concrete footpaths will improve access to and from the School.
Inclusion of speed humps and traffic controls	Traffic control measures are provided to manage the speed and improve student safety.	The traffic control measure changes will require users to obey speed limits and signage at all times.
Removal of trees	Tree removal permits the new safer carpark design to take place. A school cross is proposed to be created from the removal of one of the trees.	The removal of trees will change the shading within the carpark and appearance of the Boronia Dr entrance. Students will be informed of the trees being removed and the reasons why.
New playing court location will require the surface to be improved	A high grade asphalt surface will be added to the new netball/basketball court area to provide a better and safer surface for students.	The new surface will require some subsurface remediation of previously patched potholes. Cars will be prohibited from driving on the new court area.

Thank you for your assistance with this improvement to our school and please be mindful of these changes when you return to school on Wednesday 26 April.

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