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**Independent planning decision for St Catherine’s School**

The independent Planning Assessment Commission will make the final decision on a proposal for a staged redevelopment at St Catherine’s School in Albion Street, Waverley.

St Catherine’s School’s proposal seeks concept approval for the redevelopment of the school over five stages.

The application also seeks approval for Stage 1 of the development, which involves constructing the Research, Performing Arts and Aquatic Centre and increasing student and staff population at the school.

The Department of Planning and Environment has recommended the application be approved, with conditions, addressing issues raised in the submissions received during public exhibition.

There were 218 public submissions and five submissions received from government agencies including Randwick and Waverley Councils, Roads and Maritime Services, Transport for NSW and the NSW Police.

Keys issues raised in submissions included car parking and traffic impacts resulting from a proposed increase in the number and size of events held at the school and increased school student population.

Recommended conditions include:

- student enrolment be maintained at existing numbers until the preparation of a transport management plan and improvements to the Macpherson Street drop-off and pick-up zone are completed
- limitations on the use of the aquatic centre by external users to minimise traffic and parking impacts
- all on-site car parking spaces to be made available for all events with greater than 250 attendees
- residents be notified of upcoming school events.

“The Planning Assessment Commission is an important part of the NSW Planning system, ensuring that major developments are subject to expert, independent review and assessment,” the spokesperson said.

The application was exhibited for community feedback from 2 October until 5 December 2014.
The Planning Assessment Commission will now consider the Department’s report and conditions as well as community submissions to make a final decision on the proposal.

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