 Approval for new Wahroonga Adventist School

A proposal to build a new and expanded Wahroonga Adventist School less than 500 metres from the existing school has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment.

“The new school will be able to accept up to 800 students from kindergarten to year 12,” a Department spokesperson said.

“The approved proposal is for a building between three and four stories, with a basement car park and school sports facilities such as playing fields and courts.

“A new access road connecting the school to Fox Valley Road will also be built, along with a kiss-and-drop facility and new traffic lights on the main road.

“Building the new school will see $39 million invested and will create 156 full-time construction jobs.

“The expanded school will need an extra 37 ongoing workers, such as teachers and support staff.”

The Department exhibited the proposal in late 2014 and received six submissions from Ku-ring-gai Council and government agencies and one supporting submission from the public.

“One of the concerns raised in the feedback was the impact of the playing fields on nearby environmentally sensitive land,” the spokesperson said.

“The Department worked with the school to alter the proposal, increasing the distance between the playing fields and this area of sensitive bushland.

“Our assessment found the size of the school is appropriate for the local area and that the new traffic lights will manage the impact of the increased traffic well.”

To view the Department’s assessment of the new school, visit www.majorprojects.nsw.gov.au

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