



Holy Cross College, founded by the Patrician Brothers, 1891

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Office of the Principal

10 May 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The College has received advice from the City of Ryde that an application has been made to council to modify the consent given to the development of the new Bunnings Warehouse on Frank and College Streets. Whilst the College does not oppose the development the notice of amendment does include an application to change the vehicular access to the site, including a proposal to **permanently close College Street**. The application makes reference to the trial closure that has been in effect this year and the perceived minimal impact that it has had on traffic volumes.

It is the view of the College that the trial closure of College Street has had a considerable negative impact on the College community. For many parents and visitors the restricted access has made entering and leaving the College more difficult as all vehicles must now use Victoria Road. This has in turn disrupted the flow of traffic on Victoria Road and Cressy Road and caused increased congestion at the Cressy Road and Frank Street intersections with Victoria Road at the peak school drop-off and pick-up times. In addition it has increased the build-up of vehicles on the College property, jeopardising student safety and making it more difficult to re-enter Victoria Road from the College driveway.

The plans for the amended development application can be viewed on the City of Ryde website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/majorda

I would encourage any parents who believe that the application to permanently close College Street would be detrimental to the College community and the safety of our students to make a submission to Council. Written submissions will be received by the Council up to 24 May, 2017. The Council's own guidelines state that any submissions should relate directly to the work proposed and its possible impact on the surrounding property or locality.

The College will also be making its objections known to this particular aspect of the development.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Phillip Stewart
PRINCIPAL

