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Road: Rosemead Road

Suburb: Hornsby

Location: near Blue Gum Community School (1 Rosemead Road)

File Ref: F2016/00066

LTC No: 05/2025

Electorate: HORNSBY

Google Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/VQrVJqnmRSrzrWBT8

Subject: Proposed Parking Restrictions near Blue Gum Community School

Date of Circulation: Tuesday, 4 March 2025

REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications of Proposed Parking Restrictions along the frontage of Blue Gum Community School, 1 Rosemead Road in Hornsby.

SUBJECT

Council has received a request from Blue Gum Community School to install parking restrictions in Rosemead Road to provide additional set-down and pick-up facility for the school.

The school development was approved by the NSW Government Independent Planning Commission in 2021. **Application Number SSD-10444 (State Significant Development) (Determination Date 9 March 2021)** https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2021/01/blue-gum-community-school-ssd10444

It is noted that the request to provide the set-down and pick-up facility for the school was considered by the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee in 2021 (prior to school opening) and deferred to allow additional monitoring of the school once it opened. (LTC 22/2021 - 20 September 2021 - D08249653)

The school has been operating in Rosemead Road since 2022.

The school provides an on-site parking area in accordance with the development approval.

To provide additional, convenient drop-off and pick-up area, the school has requested: a 30 metre zone in front of the school property be designated as a '15 Minute Parking' zone during 'School Zone' times.

In a submission to the LTC, the school has stated the following reasons for requesting the '15 Minute Parking' zone:

- To shorten the distance our primary students walk independently of adults, from parked vehicles into the school, for reasons of student/pedestrian safety.
- To limit the length of parking of our families on this verge during the day.
- To encourage our Primary students' families to make use of spaces directly in front of the school, instead of spreading out on nearby streets, or in front of other homes.
- To discourage the use of the Rosemead verge (only the part in front of our property), as a long-term parking option for car owners.
- We note, this parking would match the school zone times, already in operation and would not hinder other residential use of these spaces after 4pm and on weekends.

The school's submission to the LTC is attached to this report.

Provision of pick-up and drop-off zones near schools is common practice throughout Hornsby Shire, and provides a convenient and efficient way to access schools, reducing conflicting movements at driveways.

The following parking restrictions in Rosemead Road are proposed:

- 1. Install 'P15 Minute' parking signs on the eastern side of Rosemead Road between the school's driveways, (restricted to between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm, School Days) 30m long.
- 2. Install 'No Parking' signs, on the eastern side of Rosemead Road near the school's exit-only driveway, (restricted to between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm, School Days) 18m long.
- 3. Relocate existing 'No Stopping' sign south of school's entry driveway to the north side of the driveway.
- 4. Existing 'No Right Turn' sign and existing 'All Traffic Left' sign to remain in place, unchanged.

CONSULTATION

Public Consultation was conducted 5-19 December 2024.

Council invited comments on the proposal from residents (23 letters issued via Australia Post) and Blue Gum Community School (by Email).

Council invited comments on the proposal from authorities and transport providers (by Email to 12).

The proposal was also exhibited on Council's Your Say Hornsby website for the 14 days.

During the consultation period, twenty-two (22) submissions were received by Council.

A table summarising the responses is provided below:

Support	Object
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A Public Consultation Summary is attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Public Consultation Summary
- 2. Plan and Submission to the LTC from the school

CONCLUSION

The submissions received during the Public Consultation period have been addressed in the attached Public Consultation Summary. While the objections from residents are noted, the provision of pick-up and drop-off zones near schools is common practice throughout Hornsby Shire.

Pick-up and drop-off zones provide a convenient and efficient way to access schools, reducing conflicting movements at driveways. There are no traffic engineering or road safety reasons that would prevent this proposal from being implemented.

Some examples of pick-up and drop-off zones in operation near schools may be seen at:

- Hornsby South Public School
- Hornsby Girls High School
- Waitara Public School
- Asquith Public School
- Normanhurst Public School
- Cheltenham Girls High School
- Thornleigh West Public School

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. Installation of 'P15 Minute' parking signs on the eastern side of Rosemead Road between the school's driveways

(restricted to between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm, School Days) 30m long be approved.

2. Installation of 'No Parking' signs, on the eastern side of Rosemead Road near the school's exit-only driveway

(restricted to between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm, School Days) 18m long be approved.

- 3. Relocation of existing 'No Stopping' sign south of school's entry driveway to the north side of the driveway be approved.
- 4. Nearby residents are to be notified before the installation of parking restrictions.

Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report.

Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Please send your response via return email for the item, or email trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524.

Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki

Chairman

<u>Issued Date</u>: Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Comments Close Date: Wednesday, 19 March 2025, at 5:00pm