

Traffic Impact Assessment

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

This report has been prepared to accompany a Development Application to Canterbury-Bankstown Council for a Proposed Change of Use at 194-198 Lakemba Street, Lakemba (Figure 1-1).





Source: Metromap (Modified by Genesis Traffic)

1.2 Scope of Works

The purpose of this report is to:

- describe the proposed development scheme
- describe the existing site, road network serving the site and the prevailing traffic conditions
- assess the adequacy of the proposed parking provision
- assess the potential traffic implications
- assess the suitability of the proposed vehicle access, internal circulation and servicing arrangements

1.3 Reference Documents

Reference has been made to the following documents when preparing this report:

- Australian Standard Part 1: Off-street Car Parking (AS2890.1:2004)
- Australian Standard Part 2: Off-street Commercial Vehicle Facilities (AS2890.2:2018)
- Australian Standard Part 3: Bicycle Parking (AS2890.3:2015)
- Australian Standard Part 6: Off-street Parking for People with Disabilities (AS2890.6:2022)
- Development Control Plan (Canterbury-Bankstown Council)
- Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, RMS, 2002
- Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, Updated Traffic Surveys, RMS, TDT 2013/14a

2 Proposed Development

The proposal concerns a change of use scheme of the ground floor of an existing two-storey commercial building to accommodate an education establishment. The education establishment, which will retain the existing building's ground level Net Lettable Area (NLA) of approximately 1,200m², will accommodate 95 students between Year 10 and Year 12 and staffed by approximately 10 FTE employees. The Education Establishment will have access to 28 parking spaces in the existing car park.

The existing commercial offices on Level 1 will be retained.

For reference the existing floor plan in the proposed amended layout depicted in Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2 below.



Figure 2-1 Existing Floor Plan



Figure 2-2 Proposed Amended Floor Plan

Source: ES Design

Details of the proposal are indicated in the architectural plans prepared by ES Design which accompany the submission and are reproduced in part in **Attachment 1**.

3 Existing Conditions

3.1 Site and Surrounding Context

The development site (Figure 3-1) is legally known as Lot 1 DP 839201, located at 194-198 Lakemba Street, Lakemba. The site occupies an area of 2,461m² and has frontage(s) to Lakemba Street and Croydon Street.



Figure 3-1 Site Context

Source: Metromap and Google Map (Modified by Genesis Traffic)

The existing site is occupied by a two-storey commercial building (see inset above), with vehicle access point(s) located at Lakemba Street and Croydon Street. Separate entry and exit driveways are located on Lakemba Street while a loading access driveway is provided on Croydon Street. The existing basement car park contains 60 spaces.

The adjoining and surrounding land uses include:

- a Greek Orthodox Community building adjoined to the west and vacant land adjoined to the south
- residential development predominantly
- retail and commercial premises to the east along Lakemba Street and Haldon Street

3.2 Road Network

The existing road network serving the site area (Figure 3-2) are detailed in Table 3-1:

Figure 3-2 Road Network



Source: TfNSW (modified by Genesis Traffic)

Table 3-1 Surrounding Road Network

Road Name	Descriptions
	· State Road
	· Speed limit 60 km/h
King Georges Road	· 3 lane(s) in each direction
	 No Parking restriction and Clearway Restriction between 6am to 7pm on Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays along both sides of the street
	· Regional Road
Lakemba Street	· Speed limit 50 km/h
	• 1 lane(s) in each direction
	Unrestricted on-street parking along both sides of the street
	· Local Road
Croydon Street	· Speed limit 50 km/h
	• 1 lane(s) in each direction
	Time restricted on-street parking along both sides of the street

3.3 Traffic Control

The traffic controls on the road system in the vicinity of the site comprise (Table 3-2):

Table 3-2 Surrounding Traffic Controls

Traffic Control	Location
	Intersection(s) of:
Traffic Signal	 Lakemba Street and Haldon Street
	 Lakemba Street and King Georges Road
Give-way / Stop	Intersection(s) of:
Control	 Lakemba Street and Croydon Street
School Zone	· Along part(s) of
	o Lakemba Street
Pedestrian Crossing	Along part(s) of
	• Lakemba Street near the retail and commercial premises

3.4 Existing Traffic Demand & Operation

As part of this assessment, a site inspection was carried out and the peak traffic along Haldon Street and Lakemba Street recorded during the morning and afternoon peak hours (Table 3-3):

Table 3-3 Road Traffic Demand

Road	Direction	AM Peak	PM Peak	
Lakemba Street	Eastbound	240	320	
	Westbound	310	300	
Haldon Street	Northbound	140	280	
	Southbound	170	300	

Note: Counts undertaken by standing onsite and are subject to minor discrepancies.

The observed traffic demands on both streets fall within the one-way mid-block lane capacity as defined in the Guide to Traffic Generating Developments (i.e. 900 vehicles per hour). It indicates that Lakemba Street and Haldon Street operate with an average mid-block level of service (LOS) of B under existing traffic demand. Note that LOS B accommodates up to 380 vehicles per hour per lane and beyond that the road is projected to operate with LOS C.

3.5 Public Transport Services

The local public transport services are illustrated in Figure 3-3.

Figure 3-3 Local Public Transport Locations



Source: Metromap (Modified by Genesis Traffic)

<u>Train/Metro</u>

The site is located within 200m of Lakemba Station providing connections (T2 and T3) to the Sydney Central Business District (CBD) via the Sydney Trains/Metro rail network.

<u>Bus</u>

Local bus service(s) is within walking distance (400m) of the site, as follows (Table 3-4).

Table 3-4Bus Services Provision

Bus Line	Bus Route	Frequency
450	Strathfield to Hurstville	
942	Lugarno to Campsie	
946	Roselands to Bankstown via Lakemba & Greenacre	
S14	Lakemba to Mount Lewis via Roselands	

4 Parking Assessment

4.1 Car Parking Requirement

The applicable car parking rates (Table 4-1) are provided in Section 2, Chapter 3.2.

Table 4-1 DCP Car Parking Rates

Land Use	Parking Rates
Education Establishment	1 car space per employee or classroom, whichever is the greater, and 1 car space per 8 students in Year 12

Application of the proposal using the above criteria would indicate the following requirement(s) in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2Required Car Parking Spaces

Element		Requirement	Provision
No. of FTE Employee	10	10	
No. of Classroom	10	10	28
Students	95 (30 x Year-12)	4	
Total		20 spaces	28 spaces

Up to 28 parking spaces in the basement car park have been allocated for the proponent to comply with the DCP criteria. This will include 4 set down/pick up spaces.

4.2 Bicycle Parking Requirement

The applicable bicycle parking rates (Table 4-3) are provided in Section 2, Chapter 3.2.

Table 4-3Bicycle Parking Rates

Land Use	Parking Rates
Education Establishment	1 car space per 10 employee, and adequate provision of bicycle parking for students

Accordingly, the requirement is 1 space for employee. The proposal will accommodate 1 secured bicycle storage facility onsite while another 10 bicycle racks will be installed on the basement level to accommodate the needs of students. The provision for staff complies with the DCP criteria while the supply for students at a rate of 1 rack per 10 students is adequate.

4.3 Loading and Servicing Requirement & Arrangement

Waste and servicing will be undertaken via the existing loading area along the Croydon Street frontage. Regular deliveries involving courier vans will rely on the set down/pick up spaces as these deliveries do not coincide with parents set down and pick up times.

4.4 Car Park Design

The existing car parking layout, including accesses, will be retained.

5 Traffic Assessment

5.1 Existing Traffic Conditions

Observations in the site's locality reveal minor delays on Lakemba Street during peak periods due to its proximity to the train station and town centre. Nonetheless, there is no apparent capacity constraint on Lakemba Street and Croydon Street.

5.2 Existing Traffic Generation

The RMS Guide to Traffic Generating Development specifies a peak hour traffic generation rate of 2 vtph per 100m² for commercial offices.

Applying the above rates to the existing ground floor space of 1,200m² GFA indicates the following traffic generation outcome (Table 5-1).

Period	Projected Current Land Use Traffic Generation		
AM Peak	24 vtph		
PM Peak	24 vtph		

5.3 Development Traffic Generation

The Traffic Generation Guide does not provide an indicative guide to the traffic generation of education establishments, particularly independent/private institutions.

The site being within immediate proximity (3 - 4 minutes' walk) of Lakemba railway station provides a highly viable alternative for active travel, particularly amongst school aged students. On this basis, the assessment assumes the following as a basis for consideration:

- 80% of the staff will arrive/depart during the road network AM and PM peak periods (with the remaining proportion of staff working shorter days or having early start and early finish, e.g. job share)
- 40% of the students will be dropped off by vehicles during the road network AM peak hour (8-9am)
- 20% of the students will be picked up by vehicles during the road network PM peak (others picked up at 3pm)

A further relevant consideration is the higher proportion of multiple-sibling enrolments amongst families who drop off and pick up their children by vehicle. Anecdotal observations suggest some 20-30% of vehicles undertaking drop off and pick up at schools contain more than 1 child. It is appropriate to assume an average vehicle occupancy rate of 1.2 children per vehicle.

Based on the above reasonings, the proposal's potential traffic generation can be projected as follows:

Category	AM Peak	PM Peak
Staff (10)	8 vtph	8 vtph
Students (95)	32 vtph ¹	16 vtph
Total	40 vtph	24 vtph

Table 5-2Projected Traffic Generation

5.4 Overall Traffic Generation and Distribution

Having regard to the above, the additional traffic generation outcome is calculated as follows:

Additional Traffic Generation = Development Traffic Generation – Existing Traffic Generation

Based on the above, the proposal will likely result in the addition of 16 vehicle movements per hour during the busier AM peak period. In the PM peak, the assessment's forecast of 24 vtph will be largely consistent with the existing land use traffic activities.

Having reference to Section 3.4 of this assessment, the above findings confirms that the additional traffic (of 16 vtph) will not degrade the existing frontage road capacity and Level of Service, therefore there will not be an adverse development-induced traffic impact on the local road network.

¹ Having factored in an average vehicle occupancy rate of 1.2 children per vehicle.

6 Conclusion

The traffic and parking assessment undertaken for the Proposed Change of Use at 194-198 Lakemba Street, Lakemba has concluded that:

- the traffic generation of the proposed development will not present any adverse traffic implications
- the proposed parking provision will comply with the Council's DCP criteria and will adequately serve the development

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Attachment 1

Architectural Plans





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