# 242-258 Young Street Waterloo PLANNING PROPOSAL I LANDSCAPE

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# Introduction

#### **Overview**

This Landscape Planning Proposal is submitted to the Council of the City of Sydney (Council) to support a request for a Planning Proposal relating to land at 242-258 Young Street, Waterloo. The Planning Justification Report prepared by Ethos Urban outlines the proposed amendments to the Sydney Local Environmental Plan (Sydney LEP) 2012.

The proposed amendments are seeking principally to facilitate the delivery of a new independent K-12 vertical school, catering for approximately 800 students. The amendments sought to the Sydney LEP 2012 will encourage and facilitate the redevelopment of the site by allowing for:

• an increased maximum Floor Space Ratio (FSR) • an increased maximum Building Height.

### **Proposal**

Supporting the amendments to the Sydney LEP 2012 is an amendment to the Sydney DCP 2012 which includes site-specific controls. For assessment purposes, the Planning Proposal is supported by a concept scheme prepared by Plus Architecture that facilitates the following:

a) A new 6 storey vertical school consisting of:

- 45 GLS, 13 specialist / classrooms
- A multi-purpose hall / auditorium
- An auditorium
- A library
- A canteen
- Administration, lobby and circulation spaces
- An active green roof
- A basement including 60 car parking • spaces and end-of-trip facilities

b) The incorporation of the existing film school within the new vertical school building

c) A total of approximately 13,543m2 of gross floor area which equates to a floor space ratio of 2.94:1. The gross floor area comprises approximately:

- 10.608m2 education floor area
- 2,935m 2 commercial (film school) floor area

d) Outdoor spaces totalling approximately 4,978m2.

### The Site

The site is situated on the traditional land of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, located at 242-258 Young Street, Waterloo within the City of Svdney Local Government Area (LGA). The site is prominently positioned at the junction of Hunter Street, Young Street and Powell Street. It is located 4km south of the Sydney CBD within the Green Square Urban Renewal Area.

The site and is currently occupied by 2 storey office building and film school. The southern tip of the site is a grass lawn area.



# Public domain & Landscape Strategic **Planning policy**



State I Sydney Green Grid - Central District 2023 (GANSW)



State | Greener Places (GANSW)

Increase access to open space (P118)	Providing opportunities and improved access to public open space through spatial strategies which define the site's	Integration (P32)	<ul> <li>Delivering enhanced quality of life in communities through the integration of green with urban infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Better Fit (P39)	A space that relates to Waterloo's local and contextual location with communal aspirations and local character.
Create new high quality public realm (P121)	<ul> <li>Improve connections through major roads and barriers, enhancing access to public green space.</li> <li>Creating new public spaces which benefit larger scale</li> </ul>	Connectivity (P34)	<ul> <li>Green Space which optimises and maximises wellbeing and sustainable development</li> <li>Delivering access between place, highlighting landscapes which provide urban cooling.</li> </ul>	Better for Community (40)	<ul> <li>Seek to grow economic and social status</li> <li>Incorporating diverse use e.g. hotels, commercial and retail</li> <li>Allows the public to move freely and sustainably throughout spaces.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Revitalise and create high quality public spaces which foster gathering and connection.</li> </ul>	Multi Functionality (P36)	<ul> <li>Focus on high quality and performing green spaces which are multi-functional.</li> <li>Promoting access to open space, strengthening identity and image of place</li> </ul>	Better for People (P41)	<ul> <li>Focus on safety (CPTED), comfort and basic uses of public spaces.</li> <li>Creating spaces that are valuable parts of the environment and local community.</li> </ul>



### State I Better Placed (GANSW)



## State I Everyone can play (NSW Government)

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Inclusive play process (P21)	<ul> <li>Creating play spaces that people of all ages and abilities can access and enjoy, through designing alongside inclusion needs.</li> <li>Evaluating and continually reviewing to measure design success.</li> <li>Incorporating the six-step inclusive play process into planning design and management of inclusive play spaces.</li> </ul>
Connecting with Place (P53)	<ul> <li>Provide a sense of identity through creating and connecting Waterloo's community social,cultural and environmental aspects.</li> <li>Recognising the importance of Country in public open space, celebrating the 'Sharing of Country' and rich culture with everyone.</li> <li>Celebrate and engage with natural elements such as smells, sounds and organic textures.</li> </ul>
Designing inclusive nature play spaces (P67)	<ul> <li>Integrating variety of play spaces, engaging with nature</li> <li>Considering a diverse range of materials, levels and native planting.</li> </ul>



### Local I City of Sydney greening strategy 2021



# Local I Street design code

Ambition (P36)	<ul> <li>Increasing green and canopy cover for heat prevention and community health to 30-40%</li> </ul>
Canopy Coverage (P37)	<ul> <li>Increase canopy cover for Street from 25% in 2019 to 34% in 2050</li> <li>Increase canopy cover for parks from 31% in 2019 to 46% in 2050</li> <li>Increase canopy cover for Property from 12% in 2019 to 20% in 2050</li> </ul>
Green Coverage (P37)	<ul> <li>Increase green cover for Street from 25% in 2019 to 34% in 2050</li> <li>Increase green cover for parks from 31% in 2019 to 46% in 2050</li> <li>Increase green cover for Property from 12% in 2019 to 20% in 2050.</li> </ul>

Main Themes	<ul> <li>Connectivity and accessibility</li> <li>Promote walking and cycling</li> <li>Quality public domain and place making</li> <li>Environmental sustainability</li> <li>Urban canopy and greening</li> </ul>
Canopy Coverage (P23)	<ul> <li>Increase canopy cover from the current 18.1% coverage to 22% in 2030 and 27% in 2050</li> </ul>
Urban Renewal Areas (P80)	<ul> <li>Many former industrial areas are being transformed into medium to high density residential and mixed use neighborhoods. These areas include new streets that present the opportunity to be exemplars in streetscape design and sustainability.</li> <li>The area will provide a network of new streets which will achieve a highly permeable street pattern that integrates pedestrian, cycle and vehicular movements, WSUD, and flood management.</li> </ul>



# Local I City of Sydney Street tree master Plan

Street tree selection	<ul> <li>Young Street prescribed tree species: Tallowwood - Eucalyptus microcorys</li> <li>Adapting to future climate and recognising street tree selection which can adapt to warmer conditions and frequent heat waves.</li> </ul>
Diversity, biodiversity and habitat	<ul> <li>Increase diversity through shelter,food sources and nesting opportunities</li> <li>Native species implementation to be the driver biodiversity</li> </ul>
Indigenous Knowledge	<ul> <li>Collaboration between indigenous ecologists to incorporate locally indigenous tree species to Sydney</li> <li>Reintroduce locally indigenous tree species to heighten the cultural significance of the site</li> <li>Acknowledging Gadigal of the Eora Nation as the Traditional Custodians of Waterloo and complex cultural land management practices.</li> </ul>

## 1.2 City of Sydney Street Tree Master Plan | Map

## Existing tree species surrounding the site





Buckinghamia c MCevoy Street / Powell Street/ Bourke Street

Powell Street



Hunter Street / Young Street/ MCevoy Street



MCevoy Street / Bourke Street



Melicope elleryana Hunter Street / Young Street



Plantanus Acerifolia Bourke Street



Source: City of Sydney

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# **1.3 Public domain & Landscape Strategic Planning policy I Local**





### Land Zoning Map

Legend	
MU1	Mixed Use
R1	General Residential
RE1	Public Recreation
SP2	Infrastructure
E1	Local Centre



Floor Space Ratio

Legend



HEIGHT - 15m



Maximum Building Height (m)

egend			
А	3	R	22
J	9	T4	29
Μ	12	V1	38
0	15	Х	45

1204 Heritage Map Legend Conservation Area P/// Item - General Cadastre





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# Site Context





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# **Principles**

- Biophilic I Engaging with biophilic principles to promote health & wellbeing
- Resilient I Design and materials that will endure
   extreme weather events and suitably robust for the
   school context
- Adaptable I Future-proofing spaces by maximising flexibility for multiple uses
- Playful I Integrating moments of play and delight into the everyday experience
- Inclusive I An environment that does not discriminate and maximises opportunities for social interaction
- Outdoor Learning I A diversity of outdoor 'rooms' as an extension of indoor learning facilities
- Connected I With Country and the local community

















# **Key Spaces**



\*Note: Formal and informal play opportunities are incorporated throughout all levels. Play additionally can be used as a learning strategy to enhance the spatial experience and utilization across all open space.

#### ROOFTOP LEARNING

- + Food production
- + Forest area
- + Seating

+ Sports

#### OUTDOOR GYM

- + Secondary Play + Resilient materials
- + Adaptive space
- + Outdoor gym



#### SECONDARY PLAY AND GATHERING

- + Secondary Play + Resilient materials
- + Adaptive space + Outdoor learning

#### PASSIVE OUTDOOR ZONE

- + Passive outdoor space
- + Adaptive space
- + Flexible seatings



#### PRIMARY PLAY

+ Primary Play zone + Connection with the community





# **GROUND LEVEL | Primary Play**

- Primary play Adaptive space
- Resilient materials
- Connection with community













# LEVEL 1 - 3 | Passive Outdoor Zone

- Secondary play zoneOutdoor learningAdaptive space

- Seating area













# LEVEL 4 | Secondary Play and Gathering

- Hosting eventsOutdoor learning
- Adaptive space
- Seating area
- Connection with environment
- Resilient materials













# LEVEL 5 | Outdoor Gym

- Flexibale active use
- Running trackBasketball Court















# LEVEL 6 | Rooftop Learning

- Food productionKitchen gardens
- Canopy cover
- Sport area
- Seating area with view
- Open lawn
- Study nook













# Key Spaces I Atrium

- Flexible edgeEasy maintenanceHanging planting
- Interactive
- Calming













# **Tree Management Plan**

NO.	Botanical Name	HEIGHT (m)	SPREAD (m)
1	Eucalyptus microcorys	19	18
2	Eucalyptus microcorys	17	18
3	Unknown sp.	/	/
4	Platanus x hybrida	20	16
5	Platanus x hybrida	19	12
7	Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'	6	1
8	Platanus x hybrida	20	22
9	Platanus x hybrida	20	22
14	Eucalyptus botryoides	17	14
15	Eucalyptus botryoides	17	14
16	Eucalyptus microcorys	21	19
20	Celtis occidentalis	5	3
21	Celtis occidentalis	5	3
24	Ulmus glabra 'Lutescens'	7	7
25	Eucalyptus botryoides	12	6
26	Unknown sp.	6	2
27	Ulmus glabra 'Lutescens'	8	10

#### Legend

Existing Significant Tree for Retention

Exisitng Tree Removed

Tree Retained

Tree Removed



Refer to 2023 Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Sustainable Development Group Ltd) for further detail.

# Planting & Materials **Palette**









Loshostemon confertus

Cymbopogon ambiguus



Lomandra longifolia

Prostanthera incisa



Enchylaena tomentosa



Asplenium australasicum



Dicksonia antarctica





Lomandra longifolia









Vertical climbers









Melicope elleryana



Plantanus Acerifolia



Prostanthera rotundifolia



Asplenium nidus



Goodenia ovata



Grevillea buxifolia



Loose cafe furniture



Indoor planting and timber seat



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