

20 July 2015

## **REFERRAL RESPONSE – Community Services**

FILE NO: DA 315/2015/1

ADDRESS: 163A Victoria Road BELLEVUE HILL 2023

PROPOSAL: Alterations and additions to existing Bellevue Hill Public School including the demolition of buildings, the construction of a new school building and the refurbishment of the existing building to provide accommodation for an additional 450 students. The location of temporary demountables within Bellevue Hill Park during the construction period.

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The proposal is to increase the capacity of the school from approximately 550 students to 1000 students – an increase of approximately 450 students per day.

At the meeting held with the applicants representatives on 15 April 2015 the following were raised by Community Services:

- The proposed catchment area to support the additional student numbers.
- How the potential increase in demand for after school care arising from the additional students will be addressed.

Further comment on these items is outlined below.

### **Conclusion:**

The application is supported by the Community Services Department as it provides an increase in public school places in the Woollahra LGA. It is recommended that further consideration is given to ensuring adequate facilities are provided on site for the extra Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) demand that will be created by the additional students attending the site.

With regard to the application provided, the following comments are made:

#### **1. Demand for primary school places in Woollahra**

In response to the need for expansion on this site, (and why this expected school population cannot be divided between other existing schools) the SOE for the application advises as follows:

*The Department of Education and Communities has undertaken a detailed evaluation of all the potential options based on a scope of criteria including, available site areas, site constraints, accessibility and catchment growth.*

*Bellevue Hill school was identified over other sites within the area – Rose Bay, Bondi Beach, Waverley and Double Bay Schools – due to the recent rate of student population growth within the locality and the surrounding area.*

*Bellevue Hill is the least constrained site in the locality and has the most available land for expansion in comparison to neighbouring schools.*

*The school will continue to service suburbs such as Bellevue Hill, Rose Bay, Vaucluse, Bondi and Bondi Beach. Additionally, the school will also accommodate other suburbs within the wider eastern region of Sydney.*

The SOE further advises that

*The school services a catchment which is and will continue to grow. The schools current facilities consist of many demountable structures. In order to accommodate the school's expected increase in population and to provide the latest modern teaching facilities, an upgrade to the school's buildings and infrastructure is required.*

Generally an increase in public school places in the Woollahra LGA is supported.

Statistics from the 'my school' website show increased use of public and catholic primary schools in Woollahra and neighbouring Waverley LGA since 2008.

Woollahra public and catholic primary schools		Total enrolments 2008	Total enrolments 2014	increase in enrolments over 6 years (2008-2014)	% increase in enrolments over 6 years (2008-14)
Rose Bay Public Primary school	Rose Bay	424	606	182	42.92%
Bellevue Hill Public Primary school	Bellevue Hill	426	576	150	35.21%
Vaucluse Public primary school	Vaucluse	167	305	138	82.63%
Woollahra Public Primary school	Woollahra	580	692	112	19.31%
Double Bay Public Primary school	Double Bay	313	394	81	25.88%
Holy Cross Catholic Primary school	Woollahra	241	321	80	33.20%
Glenmore Rd Public Primary school	Paddington	287	347	60	20.91%
McCauley Catholic Primary school	Rose Bay	130	149	19	14.62%
		2568	3390	822	32.01%
Waverley public and catholic primary schools					
Bondi Public Primary school	Bondi	130	515	385	296.15%
Bondi Beach Public school	Bondi Beach	268	528	260	97.01%
St Charles Catholic primary school	Waverley	301	365	64	21.26%
Waverley Public Primary school	Waverley	161	214	53	32.92%
Galilee Catholic Primary school	Bondi Beach	119	122	3	2.52%
Clovelly Public Primary school	Waverley	559	545	-14	-2.50%
Bronte Public Primary school	Bronte	407	374	-33	-8.11%
		1945	2663	718	36.92%

Source: <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

According to the ABS, increasing numbers of Woollahra children are attending public primary schools as outlined in the attached table:

<b>Education Institution Attending</b>							
<b>Woollahra Municipal Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)</b>	2011			2006			<b>Change</b>
<b>Type of institution</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>2006 to 2011</b>
Pre-school	821	1.6	1.8	695	1.4	1.7	+126
Primary school	2,981	5.7	7.8	2,600	5.2	8.0	+381
Primary - Government	1,000	1.9	5.2	755	1.5	5.4	+245
Primary - Catholic	402	0.8	1.7	302	0.6	1.7	+100
Primary - Independent	1,579	3.0	1.0	1,543	3.1	1.0	+36
Secondary school	2,842	5.4	6.4	2,894	5.8	6.5	-52
Secondary - Government	232	0.4	3.6	219	0.4	3.7	+13
Secondary - Catholic	360	0.7	1.7	362	0.7	1.7	-2
Secondary - Independent	2,250	4.3	1.2	2,313	4.6	1.2	-63
TAFE	545	1.0	2.4	554	1.1	2.5	-9
University	3,067	5.9	5.2	2,680	5.3	4.4	+387
Other	378	0.7	0.9	440	0.9	0.8	-62
Not attending	35,586	68.2	68.3	33,283	66.4	67.0	+2,303
Not stated	5,939	11.4	7.1	7,016	14.0	9.2	-1,077
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50,162</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,997</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. (Usual residence data) - Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#), the population experts. Derived from the Census question: 'What type of educational institution is the person attending?'

Further data from the Census supports an increase in the number of families with children in the Woollahra LGA:

<b>Household type</b>							
<b>Woollahra Municipal Council area</b>	2011			2006			<b>Change</b>
<b>Households by type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>2006 to 2011</b>
Couples with children	5,062	22.1	34.8	4,644	20.7	34.1	+418
Couples without children	5,554	24.2	22.6	5,295	23.6	22.0	+259
One parent families	1,420	6.2	10.8	1,320	5.9	10.6	+100
Other families	322	1.4	1.4	276	1.2	1.4	+46
Group household	1,558	6.8	4.1	1,479	6.6	3.9	+79
Lone person	6,547	28.5	21.5	6,545	29.1	21.6	+2
Other not classifiable household	2,089	9.1	4.1	2,579	11.5	5.6	-490
Visitor only households	380	1.7	0.9	339	1.5	0.8	+41
<b>Total households</b>	<b>22,932</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22,477</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+455</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#), the population experts. (Enumerated data) - Derived from the Census question: 'What is the person's relationship [to each other person in the household]?'

According to the Census, the Woollahra LGA has experienced a growth in the number of children between 2006 and 2011 for both babies and preschoolers and primary school aged children as outlined in the following table:

<b>Age structure - service age groups</b>							
<b>Woollahra Municipal Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)</b>	<b>2011</b>			<b>2006</b>			<b>Change</b>
<b>Service age group (years)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>2006 to 2011</b>
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	3,028	5.8	6.8	2,589	5.2	6.6	+439
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	3,508	6.7	8.7	3,122	6.2	9.1	+386
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	3,131	6.0	7.4	3,308	6.6	7.9	-177
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	3,978	7.6	9.5	3,852	7.7	9.9	+126
Young workforce (25 to 34)	9,470	18.2	15.4	9,032	18.0	15.3	+438
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	11,309	21.7	21.9	10,867	21.7	22.5	+442
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	6,013	11.5	12.2	6,609	13.2	12.2	-596
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	5,770	11.1	9.0	4,846	9.7	7.8	+924
Seniors (70 to 84)	4,403	8.4	7.2	4,544	9.1	7.3	-141
Elderly aged (85 and over)	1,549	3.0	1.8	1,383	2.8	1.6	+166
<b>Total population</b>	<b>52,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50,152</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2,007</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id, the population experts. (Usual residence data) Derived from the Census question: 'What is the person's date of birth (or age last birthday)?'

## Population profile

The population of people aged 5-11 years in Woollahra in 2011 (the current users of primary schools) and where they live is outlined in the table below:

<b>People aged 5 to 11 years, 2011 - Woollahra Municipal Council area - Enumerated</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total population</b>	<b>Percent %</b>
Bellevue Hill	814	10,409	7.8
Vaucluse - Watsons Bay	811	7,328	11.1
Paddington	454	9,245	4.9
Woollahra	441	7,046	6.3
Rose Bay	423	5,711	7.4
Double Bay - Point Piper	343	5,915	5.8
Darling Point	171	3,801	4.5
Edgecliff	57	2,216	2.6
Woollahra Municipal Council area	3,519	51,668	6.8
Greater Sydney	382,255	4,378,473	8.7

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2011. Compiled and presented in atlas.id by .id, the population experts (enumerated data)

The population of people aged 0-4 years in Woollahra in 2011 (the future users of primary schools) and the suburbs they live in is outlined in the table below:

<b>People aged 0 to 4 years, 2011 - Woollahra Municipal Council area - Enumerated</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total population</b>	<b>Percent %</b>
Bellevue Hill	613	10,409	5.9
Paddington	585	9,245	6.3
Vaucluse - Watsons Bay	440	7,328	6.0
Rose Bay	391	5,711	6.8
Woollahra	379	7,046	5.4
Double Bay - Point Piper	272	5,915	4.6
Darling Point	153	3,801	4.0
Edgecliff	94	2,216	4.2
<b>Woollahra Municipal Council area</b>	<b>3,007</b>	<b>51,668</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Greater Sydney	298,619	4,378,473	6.8

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2011. Compiled and presented in atlas.id by [.id](#), the population experts (enumerated data)

For both age groups, Bellevue Hill was the suburb with the highest number of children of any Woollahra LGA suburb.

As the SOE states that the school will continue to service the Waverley LGA suburbs of Bondi and Bondi Beach similar census figures for Waverley were sourced. These also show increases in public primary school attendance, couples with children and preschool and primary school age children in that area. (detail can be found at Annexure 1 attached).

## **2. Outside School Hours Care**

### **Accommodating the future demand for after school care created by the additional students should be considered in the planning stages.**

Out Of School Hours (OOSH) care includes before school care, after school and care during the school holidays (vacation care) for primary school age children. The service assists families to balance their work and family responsibilities and its availability is often an important consideration for working families in selecting a local school for their children.

The Bellevue Hill Primary School site currently accommodates an OOSH that includes before school care, after school care and vacation care. Since 2011, OOSH services have been governed by the same regulatory framework (the National Education and Care Services Regulations) as preschool and long day care centres, and so must meet physical space and operational requirements.

This includes indoor and outdoor unencumbered play space requirements (3.25m<sup>2</sup>/child indoor and 7m<sup>2</sup>/child outdoor) and other ancillary space requirements.

These are legislated minimums, which are separate to any standards that may exist for schools.

Careful consideration should be given to the demand that an additional 450 students will generate for OOSH care and adequate space set aside within the site to allow an expanded service to operate and meet regulated space requirements.

### **Existing Community Facilities**

In 2011 Council commissioned a Community Facilities Study which included Council owned community facilities and venues for hire, non- government community facilities and school halls. The Study found that the provision of community facilities is uneven across the LGA with fewer community facilities provided in the eastern portion of the LGA, including the Bellevue Hill and Rose Bay District. The Bellevue Hill and Rose Bay district was considered to have the highest requirement for community facility floor space. Accordingly, Council supports the use of the school premises out of school hours for appropriate community uses.

## Annexure 1 – Relevant Census statistics for Waverley Council area:

<b>Education institution attending</b>							
<b>Waverley Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)</b>	<b>2011</b>			<b>2006</b>			<b>Change</b>
<b>Type of institution</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>2006 to 2011</b>
Pre-school	1,146	1.8	1.8	897	1.5	1.7	+249
Primary school	3,535	5.6	7.8	2,979	4.9	8.0	+556
Primary - Government	1,694	2.7	5.2	1,360	2.2	5.4	+334
Primary - Catholic	529	0.8	1.7	483	0.8	1.7	+46
Primary - Independent	1,312	2.1	1.0	1,136	1.9	1.0	+176
Secondary school	2,549	4.0	6.4	2,390	3.9	6.5	+159
Secondary - Government	566	0.9	3.6	517	0.9	3.7	+49
Secondary - Catholic	528	0.8	1.7	563	0.9	1.7	-35
Secondary - Independent	1,455	2.3	1.2	1,310	2.2	1.2	+145
TAFE	1,173	1.8	2.4	994	1.6	2.5	+179
University	3,294	5.2	5.2	2,900	4.8	4.4	+394
Other	708	1.1	0.9	657	1.1	0.8	+51
Not attending	43,605	68.7	68.3	39,080	64.4	67.0	+4,525
Not stated	7,477	11.8	7.1	10,815	17.8	9.2	-3,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,487</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60,712</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2,775</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#), the population experts (usual residence data)

<b>Household type</b>							
<b>Waverley Council area</b>	<b>2011</b>			<b>2006</b>			<b>Change</b>
<b>Households by type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>2006 to 2011</b>
Couples with children	6,101	21.8	34.8	5,304	19.4	34.1	+797
Couples without children	6,351	22.7	22.6	5,681	20.7	22.0	+670
One parent families	1,725	6.2	10.8	1,679	6.1	10.6	+46
Other families	335	1.2	1.4	365	1.3	1.4	-30
Group household	2,778	9.9	4.1	2,362	8.6	3.9	+416
Lone person	7,580	27.0	21.5	7,417	27.1	21.6	+163
Other not classifiable household	2,697	9.6	4.1	4,178	15.3	5.6	-1,481
Visitor only households	461	1.6	0.9	402	1.5	0.8	+59
<b>Total households</b>	<b>28,028</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+640</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#), the population experts. (Enumerated data)

<b>Age structure - service age groups</b>							
<b>Waverley Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)</b>	<b>2011</b>			<b>2006</b>			<b>Change</b>
<b>Service age group (years)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Greater Sydney %</b>	<b>2006 to 2011</b>
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	4,292	6.8	6.8	3,574	5.9	6.6	+718
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	4,039	6.4	8.7	3,613	6.0	9.1	+426
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	2,873	4.5	7.4	2,932	4.8	7.9	-59
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	4,827	7.6	9.5	4,984	8.2	9.9	-157
Young workforce (25 to 34)	15,357	24.2	15.4	14,542	24.0	15.3	+815
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	15,406	24.3	21.9	14,188	23.4	22.5	+1,218
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	6,264	9.9	12.2	6,557	10.8	12.2	-293
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	4,887	7.7	9.0	4,261	7.0	7.8	+626
Seniors (70 to 84)	4,159	6.6	7.2	4,698	7.7	7.3	-539
Elderly aged (85 and over)	1,382	2.2	1.8	1,350	2.2	1.6	+32
<b>Total population</b>	<b>63,486</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2,787</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#), the population experts. (Usual residence data)

The Waverley census data for preschool and primary school aged children show high numbers for the Bondi area:

<b>People aged 5 to 11 years, 2011</b>			
<b>Waverley Council area - Enumerated</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total population</b>	<b>Percent %</b>
North Bondi	673	8,425	8.0
Bronte	508	6,517	7.8
Bondi	479	9,582	5.0
Bondi Junction	474	8,607	5.5
Bondi Beach	401	10,629	3.8
Dover Heights	370	3,811	9.7
Waverley	295	4,260	6.9
Rose Bay	289	3,808	7.6
Queens Park	267	2,873	9.3
Vaucluse	195	2,650	7.4
Tamarama	72	1,571	4.6
Bondi Ward	702	15,985	4.4
Hunter Ward	1,247	14,200	8.8
Lawson Ward	1,090	16,098	6.8
Waverley Ward	984	16,450	6.0
<b>Waverley Council area</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>62,727</b>	<b>6.4</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2011. Compiled and presented in atlas.id by [.id](#), the population experts.

<b>People aged 0 to 4 years, 2011</b>			
<b>Waverley Council area - Enumerated</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total population</b>	<b>Percent %</b>
North Bondi	717	8,425	8.5
Bondi Beach	599	10,629	5.6
Bondi	538	9,582	5.6
Bronte	496	6,517	7.6
Bondi Junction	479	8,607	5.6
Waverley	293	4,260	6.9
Rose Bay	292	3,808	7.7
Queens Park	258	2,873	9.0
Dover Heights	239	3,811	6.3
Vaucluse	206	2,650	7.8
Tamarama	109	1,571	6.9
Bondi Ward	978	15,985	6.1
Hunter Ward	1,115	14,200	7.9
Lawson Ward	1,102	16,098	6.8
Waverley Ward	1,031	16,450	6.3
Waverley Council area	4,232	62,727	6.7

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2011. Compiled and presented in atlas.id by [.id](#), the population experts.