

Proposed Performing Arts and Sports Centre and Sports Complex

March 2024

MLC School has developed a proposal for a Performing Arts and Sport Centre and Sports Complex to be located on the south-eastern corner of the school site (between Park Road and Britannia Avenue).

The proposal aims to provide the School with a modern facility to support curriculum-based learning in the arts (drama, dance and music), performance opportunities and enhanced co-curricular participation.

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

MLC School is seeking approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for its medium-term plans to deliver a new Performing Arts and Sports Centre and long-term plans for an extended and refurbished Sports Complex. The proposal includes:

PERFORMING ARTS AND SPORTS CENTRE

A new three-level building, including a basement level to include:

- A flexible space that can be used for whole of School assemblies and as indoor sports courts
- Learning spaces for music, drama and dance
- Space for other gatherings, including concerts, theatrical performances, lectures, and meetings. This includes a 400-seat theatre
- Associated office and storage space
- Roof level building services equipment.

SPORTS COMPLEX

Extension and refurbishment of the existing Aquatic Centre and gymnasium to include:

- A new learn-to-swim pool
- New and refurbished fitness facilities including upgraded student and public change room facilities
- More teaching spaces as well as wet weather venues for sports training
- A new vehicle drop-off area off Britannia Avenue
- Associated office and storage space.

The proposal also includes site preparation works to enable delivery of both buildings (demolition of any existing structures, earthworks and clearing of some trees), and landscaping to replace removed trees.

CONSIDERING OUR STUDENTS AND NEIGHBOURS FROM DESIGN TO DELIVERY

MLC School is working with a range of technical experts to ensure the proposal is designed and delivered with our students and neighbours in mind.

We are undertaking a series of assessments to identify how potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposal can be appropriately mitigated. This will include consideration of potential impacts to local traffic and parking, and construction noise.

Respect is a key value that we instil in our students and aim to share across the entire School community. Should the proposal be approved, School staff will continue to work closely with our students and School community to ensure they conduct themselves in a way that is respectful to our neighbours once the new facilities are operational.



View from MLC School – Principal's Lawn (Indicative image)

PLANNING PATHWAY

MLC School is seeking planning approval to construct and operate the new Performing Arts and Sports Centre and concept approval for the longer-term delivery of the Sports Complex. The School is seeking approval for the proposal from DHPI through a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) process:

January – February 2024

MLC School requested and received from DPHI Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs ensure government agencies and relevant service providers are informed and provided with the opportunity to request that certain information be addressed within the SSDA.

We are here March 2024

We are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will assess any potential impacts from the construction and operation of the proposal and suggest mitigation measures.

We are seeking feedback from our School community, neighbours and the wider community to help inform the EIS. This feedback will be collated in a Consultation Outcomes Report and included in the submission to DPHI.

Mid-2024

Formal lodgement of the SSDA. Following the SSDA lodgement, DPHI will publicly exhibit the proposal.

At this point, the community can make formal submissions on the proposal to DPHI.

We are expecting a decision within six to nine months of lodging the application.

Approval to construct and operate this facility will be subject to separate development applications.

ABOUT MLC SCHOOL

MLC School is an independent, nonselective Uniting Church school for girls from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 in Sydney's inner-west.

MLC School's mission is to educate and inspire young women to be fearless thinkers, with moral courage and compassion to be agents of change in their own lives and the lives of others.

FIND OUT MORE AND PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

MLC School is committed to keeping the School and surrounding community informed as plans for the proposal progress, including opportunities to provide feedback.

We have commissioned Urbis Engagement to collect your feedback and provide further information on the project. You can reach the team on:

✉ engagement@urbis.com.au

☎ 1800 244 863



The MLC School website will be updated as more information about the project becomes available. Scan the QR code to learn more about our facilities:



DROP-IN INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend a community information session for staff, students, parents and surrounding residents.

You can drop in any time to find out more about the proposal and speak directly to the project team:

- Date: Wednesday 8 May 2024
- Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm (drop by any time)
- Location: Potts Hall, MLC School Rowley Street, Burwood (closest entry is via the Gate 2 on Rowley Street)

