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Dear Families of St Paul's College

I write to you with an exciting update on our next major capital infrastructure project, the construction of our new Primary Years Precinct.

It is the College's pleasure to announce that <u>Sarah Constructions</u> have been appointed as builder for our most significant Primary Years construction project, which is Phase 2 of our Masterplan development. Our new Primary Years Precinct will deliver:

- a state of the art primary years building;
- substantial increases to on-site car parking together with a dedicated 'Kiss and Drop' zone'
- landscaping, nature play areas and playgrounds;
- collaborative spaces that include dedicated Wellbeing Areas, STEAM areas, inside and outside learning spaces.

Further information on the Primary Years development, including plans, a virtual 'fly-through' video, and latest news, families are encouraged to visit the <u>St Paul's College website</u>.

In congratulating *Sarah Construction* on this appointment, we look forward to our partnership throughout these important building works for our College.

*Sarah Construction* will begin work onsite as soon as this week (some fencing visible from Thursday 27 October), which places some urgency on communicating changes to College-life that are necessary for these significant building programs to occur. This week, students will also be made aware of this information.

#### **Primary Oval**

The existing Primary Oval (Years R-6) will become the construction site for the new building. From Thursday 27 October, there will be no access to the Primary Oval. Instead, Primary students will now have exclusive access to the east soccer pitch which runs along the Lurline Avenue boundary.

Fencing will be erected to ensure safe access corridors for students to and from the soccer pitches.

#### Access to the School via Lurline Avenue

Construction work will impact access to the College via the Lurline Avenue pedestrian gate, which will be closed for the remainder of Term 4, 2022. Access to the College via Lurline Avenue will only be possible via the Grand Junction Trade Training Centre. The College will work with *Sarah Construction* in an effort to ensure some College access via Lurline Avenue can be maintained. However, there may be periods in 2023 where all access is cut off due to construction requirements. We will communicate on this matter again as the construction program progresses.

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#### **Traffic Management**

The construction program will impact normal College traffic flows, particularly on Lurline Avenue. Families that access the College via Lurline Avenue will notice a sharp increase in heavy vehicle traffic accessing the site, together with an increase in construction worker carparking. These changes will present hazards our community must recognise.

Disruptions to the normal traffic flow on Lurline Avenue will likely lead to an increase in the use of Blacks Road for Drop-off and Pick-up. This is unavoidable. The College has been in consultation with the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council (PAEC) regarding possible improvements to parking and signage. Any changes agreed to and implemented by the PAEC will be communicated to our community. The College is encouraging the use of Dally Road at the back of the school, for Drop-offs and Pick-ups. Three (3) pedestrian gates located along Dally Road will be opened daily between 8am-9am and again between 2:45pm-4pm to assist with student movement.

Rest assured that traffic management will dramatically improve once this development is completed. Our on-site carparking capacity will increase by over 40%. In addition, the Primary Years precinct will have a dedicated on-site 'Kiss and Drop' zone with access via Lurline Avenue. The traffic disruptions will be short lived.

During the construction related disruptions we simply ask that all vehicle users be understanding, respectful, patient and obey the current road rules.

#### Safety and Welfare

Our College remains conscious of student/staff safety and welfare, especially as construction occurs throughout our College. There are obvious risks that arise when construction occurs near learning and play spaces. In partnership with *Sarah Construction's* onsite safety officer (who has significant experience with school projects), St Paul's recognises these risks and commits to maintaining the safety and welfare of students through education, clear information and appropriate supervision.

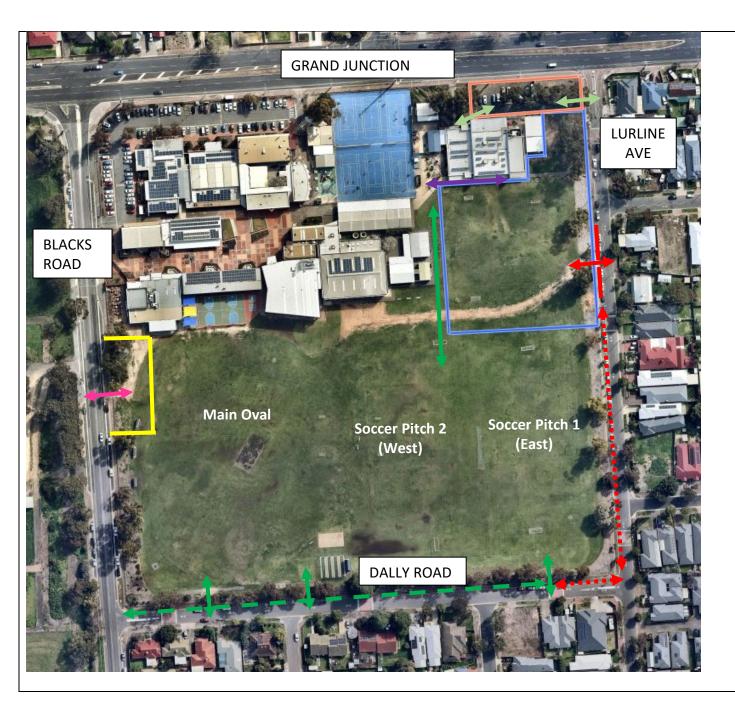
While this information is preliminary, our College will keep families and students updated on changes to College-life throughout this construction period over the next twelve months. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding that the short-term challenges will ensure our College moves into and beyond 2023 with outstanding facilities.

A map of the College, which includes some details raised above, is attached to this letter. Should you have any questions about aspects of this letter please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Belton Principal



# **Construction Site**. Sarah Constructions site compound. Area inaccessible to St Pauls College from 27 Oct 2022 until project completion. Sarah Constructions site works 'carpark phase'. Area inaccessible for St Pauls through short periods of 2023. Dates TBC. **No Parking Zone** Construction Site Access. Sarah Construction site access point. Inaccessible for School business. Lurline Avenue School Access point (foot traffic only) until Construction 'carpark phase' works commence. School Access to Ovals. Dally Rd gates to be opened daily between 8am-9am and 2:45pm-4pm. School Access to Grand Junction Trade Training Centre (GJTTC). Deliveries via the Lurline Avenue gate by appointment only. School Vehicle Access to Ovals. Emergency Vehicle Access to Ovals. School Overflow 'Event' Parking only. Parking only possible during select times. Likely Construction worker Carparking. Parking will be available for School community, however construction workers likely onsite from 6am. Dally Road Carparking. School community encouraged to park along Dally Road and access the School via ovals.

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## **Traffic Management**

There will be disruptions to normal School traffic flows during construction works.

# Lurline Avenue:

- The most significant changes will impact Lurline Avenue.
- Construction related traffic will increase significantly. This will include heavy vehicles accessing the site and car parking for construction workers on Lurline Avenue (South of the Sarah Constructions site access gate and extending onto Dally Road).
- Some No Parking areas will be established ensuring heavy vehicle access to the construction site.
- Intermittent School access from Lurline Avenue will be possible for periods. During 2023 'Phase 2' constructions work, access via Lurline Avenue will be completely cut off.
- The increase in heavy vehicle traffic on Lurline Avenue represents a hazard our school community must recognise.

## Dally Road:

- The school is encouraging families to increase their use of Dally Road for Drop Offs and Pick -ups.
- There are 3 pedestrian access gates along Dally Road that will be opened between 0800-0900 and 1445-1600 daily.

## Blacks Road:

- Disruptions to the normal traffic flow on Lurline Avenue will likely lead to an increase in the use of Blacks Road for Drop Offs and Pick-ups. This is unavoidable.
- The school has been working with the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council (PAEC) regarding traffic management. This includes possible changes to parking zones and signage on Blacks Road.
- Despite these consultations the school is at the mercy of the PAEC regarding implementation of changes. We simply ask that all vehicle users be respectful, patient and obey the current road rules.

## Future Improvements:

- Traffic management challenges from October 2022 until late 2023 will be short lived. It is worth noting that new Primary school development will deliver:
  - a 40% increase in on-site carparking;
  - o a dedicated on-site Primary school 'Kiss and Drop' zone with access via Lurline Avenue.
- The substantial investment in on-site parking together with the 'Kiss and Drop' zone will dramatically improve traffic management.