

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation of a 10 minute parking restriction outside "Catholic Cathedral College" on the south side of Ferry Road between Fitzgerald Avenue and Barbadoes Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Catholic Cathedral College have asked the Council to assist in meeting the demand for short term parking generated by parents and care givers dropping off and picking up children attending the school.
3. Like many schools, the demand for short-term drop off and pick up parking associated with students cannot be practicably contained on site. The School provides off street parking for staff and visitors. The car park is designed with good circulation and this can be utilised for dropping off and picking up pupils. However, the capacity is extremely limited and vehicles stopping in the circulation aisles create disruption to the flow of traffic and congestion. As such the majority of activity associated with delivering and picking up children occurs on the road outside the School. Due to the presence of long stay "commuter" parking, drop off and pickup is occurring in an inappropriate, and often unsafe, fashion with some vehicles "double" parking and others parking on the broken yellow (no stopping) line across the school entrance.
4. It is impracticable to expect that demand for short-term parking to be wholly accommodated on site, particularly as the demand only exists for approximately an hour in the morning and afternoon. There are also safety concerns with bringing cars onto the site with vehicle manoeuvring mixing with pedestrian activity. This is typically why many schools discourage or prohibit parents and caregivers to drive onto school grounds unless there are purpose built facilities for accommodating such activity. The College permits parents and caregivers to drive onto the school grounds but this is only because there are no other alternatives as on street parking is fully occupied by commuters from early in the morning until the evening.
5. The installation of a P10 parking restriction for the period 8am to 9.30am and 2pm to 4pm (operative on school days) on the southern side of Ferry Road, covering seven spaces immediately outside the School (two to west and five to the east of the school entrance), is considered the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem.
6. Installing a P10 parking restriction for specified periods will provide sufficient time and capacity for parents and caregivers to park while balancing the parking needs of other users outside of the peak periods of school related activity.
7. The proposal is aligned to the Parking Strategy, specifically Policy 9D "Frontage Streets" - "To recognise and specifically consider the provision and management of on street parking adjoining educational institutions". This policy is achieved through the method "Time Restrictions - to apply selective time restrictions to the on street parking on the road frontages of the institutions." Furthermore "short stay parking for site visitors" has a higher priority than "commuter parking" in the context of "kerbside parking priority" as stated in the Strategy.
8. The College is the only directly identifiable stakeholder and they support the proposal.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. **Cost**
The installation of signs and markings is within operational budgets.
10. **Legal**
The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

CONCLUSION

11. The demand for short-term parking cannot be adequately or practicably met on the School site resulting in inappropriate parking occurring on the street. The installation of a P10 parking restriction on Ferry Road, covering seven parking spaces immediately outside the school and operative only during the periods of peak demand is considered a cost effective, strategically aligned and practicable solution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve:

1. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum of 10 minutes, from 8am to 9.30am and 2pm to 4pm, School Days in the following locations:
 - (a) The south side of Ferry Road commencing at a point 145 metres in an easterly direction from the Barbadoes Street intersection and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
 - (b) The south side of Ferry Road commencing at a point 189 metres in an easterly direction from the Barbadoes Street intersection and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 30 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.