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RE: DA2021/2567 - 60 Federal Parade BROOKVALE NSW 2100

I most strongly object to the DA submitted by St Augustine's College to expand its footprint beyond the existing block it occupies and to increase student numbers from 1200 to 1600. The college has previously said developments on its block would not lead to a rise in student numbers. Within a short period of time, however, this is exactly what is proposed. A 25% increase in students, plus extra staff, will result in increased traffic flow in quiet residential streets that are already blocked with cars double parked in the morning and afternoon. Surrounding streets are always full of parked cars from the school and it is often impossible to park near ones home in the week. Cars use my driveway for turning and I have had to replace grass churned up by vehicles damaging my driveway. It is dangerous to walk on the footpath or cross the roads near the school during peak times due to high traffic flow and vehicles breaking the speed limit. Vehicles associated with the College have a total disregard for local residents and are often rude and aggressive when asked to move their vehicles from blocking my driveway and parking on nearby yellow lines. It is already almost impossible to move in and out of the area during pickup and drop off times, plus the many functions that occur outside schooltime. The queues to leave the area are often hundreds of metres long.

The proposal to construct a car park in Federal Parade opposite the school is an outrageous plan to turn a residential zone into a commercial area. There are questions about safety with cars crossing the footpath and the use of lighting at night will adversely impact surrounding residential properties. The car park is so small it will not help solve the lack of parking for the College but it will set a precedent for allowing the school to expand beyond its current boundaries into neighbouring residential areas. In effect, the College is trying to expand by stealth beyond what is acceptable. Residents of Brookvale have a right to expect peaceful and safe use of their properties. We live here and the College needs to listen to us and take seriously and address the concerns of residents, instead of trying to bulldoze its grand expansion plans through.