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Gosford Public School

Relocation - Proposal



Gosford PS

It appears likely that Gosford Public School will need to be relocated. Relocating and building a new school within the current grounds of Henry Kendall High School has been proposed. **The Department of Education and Training will consult with the school community about the proposal and any future plans to make sure the best interests of the school's students are served.**

Gosford PS – Relocation Proposal

- Analysis of survey – quantitative & qualitative
- Factors underpinning relocation
- Consultation
- Questions

Information to-date

- Principals
- P&C Presidents' & Executive
- Parents
- Teachers
- NSW Teachers' Federation
- Central Coast Regional Council of P&C
- Gosford City Council

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Parent Survey – Quantitative Analysis

Four hundred and seventy-eight surveys were distributed to families using a list supplied by the principal. One hundred and fifty-nine surveys were returned representing a response rate of 33%. Of those respondents who answered 'No' in question three, 31% answered 'strongly disagree' to all statements four through to seven (relocation options).

1. I attended the public meeting led by The Gosford Challenge and have an understanding of the four options proposed by them.	Yes 25%	No 73%	Unsure/Don't Know 2%
2. I have read the material distributed to parents by The Gosford Challenge (Blue Booklet) and have an understanding of the four options proposed by them.	Yes 86%	No 13%	Unsure/Don't Know 1%
3. Gosford Public School should be rebuilt on a new site.	Yes 20%	No 74%	Unsure/Don't Know 6%

Parent Survey – Quantitative Analysis

4. If Gosford Public School were to be relocated, the High Schools' Agricultural Farm site proposed by The Gosford Challenge is the best alternative.	SD 54%	D 17%	A 18%	SA 6%	Unsure/Don't Know 5%
5. If Gosford Public School were to be relocated, the Gosford High School and Victoria Oval site proposed by The Gosford Challenge is the best alternative.	SD 46%	D 17%	A 20%	SA 12%	Unsure/Don't Know 5%
6. If Gosford Public School were to be relocated, the North Gosford Education site proposed by The Gosford Challenge is the best alternative.	SD 51%	D 17%	A 14%	SA 11%	Unsure/Don't Know 7%
7. Recently it was proposed that vacant space on the Henry Kendall High School site could be an option for school relocation. If Gosford Public School were to be relocated vacant land at Henry Kendall High School is the best alternative.	SD 60%	D 17%	A 13%	SA 4%	Unsure/Don't Know 6%

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

High Schools' Agricultural Farm

STRONGLY DISAGREE

Thirty-nine discrete comments relating to:

Perceived loss of Ag facility (17)

Why take the Ag farm away from HKHS and GHS?

Traffic and parking (15)

Racecourse road already too congested (difficult to drop off/pick up)

Dangerous – too close to golf course (3)

Next to golf course with presumably very high fences to stop golf balls? Like living in a prison

Site too small (3)

Too small a site

Negative influence of secondary students (1)

It is better for children to have their own identity and school. High School kids can be very influential.

DISAGREE

Eight discrete comments relating to:

Perceived loss of Ag facility (4)

Not very fair for High School students who use this great resource

Traffic and parking (4)

Too many traffic issues

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

High Schools' Agricultural Farm

STRONGLY AGREE

Six discrete comments relating to:

Best land site (3)

Best possible land site

Relocation Ag facility (1)

As long as the Ag farm is relocated and useable by those High Schools

Traffic and parking (1)

Parking a problem

Three schools located together (1)

Concentrating the location of three major schools would to some extent protect the Primary School from deterioration and foster clear focus by the community on its schools

AGREE

Five discrete comments relating to:

Traffic and parking (3)

Convenient location (but what about the parking)?

Perceived loss of Ag facility (1)

Would be upset at the High Schools losing their Ag farm

Near Gosford HS (1)

If there is no choice. Yes I like to build the school next to Gosford High School

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

Gosford High School and Victoria Oval

STRONGLY DISAGREE

Thirty-three discrete comments relating to:

Traffic, parking and access (14)

Traffic would be a nightmare as it already chokes of a morning and afternoon – too close to existing schools and hospital

Site issues including swamp and flood (9)

Site is not suitable. Flood prone, environmentally protected

Primary School would compromise High School (6)

Gosford High is a selective school with very very important needs that it meets on behalf of its students reliant on it. A Primary School ought not to interfere with it.

Dangerous – too close to golf course (2)

Too close to Golf Club – Dangerous

Loss of community sports facility (1)

There is a shortage of sports fields anyway – taking one more away is ludicrous

Too far from home (1)

Travel to this site is too far from home – Avoca Beach

DISAGREE

Two discrete comments relating to:

Access (1)

The land is low, half cannot be used, and children and parents are a long way from CBD/trains. Unless a siding was created especially for GPS and GHS? It is the best proposal so far if the school were to be moved

Floods (1)

Floods

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

Gosford High School and Victoria Oval

STRONGLY AGREE

Six discrete comments relating to:

Co-location with the high school a positive (4)

Quite impressed by the concept of a K-12 school

Resolves traffic issue (2)

Location is good for traffic flow – not as busy as Racecourse Road option

AGREE

Six discrete comments relating to:

Parking (3)

Must have parking for parents

Swamp (1)

Swamp/drainage problem

Site (1)

Site seems OK

Space (1)

If there is no choice and if there's enough space for a school

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

North Gosford Site

STRONGLY DISAGREE

Thirty-one discrete comments relating to:

Primary School compromised by North Gosford Learning centre (11)

The NGLC was located on that site due to its isolation. I do not feel that a mainstream school and NGLC will cohabitate well

Out of CBD (8)

Takes the school out of the CBD – that is why most students go there – ridiculous option

Gravesite (5)

It is a heritage site with a cemetery – kid's don't have to be playing over graves even if the contents are gone – have some respect

Traffic and parking (4)

Again traffic is a problem with an existing school and private hospital

Too close to hospital (2)

Also too small, noisy for hospital patients

Too far to travel (1)

Travel to this site is too far from home – Avoca Beach

DISAGREE

Six discrete comments relating to:

Too close to other schools (3)

Too close to existing Public Schools

Out of CBD (1)

Too far away from central Gosford

Traffic (1)

'HP Drive' has too many school zones

Catchment area (1)

This is changing the catchment area. You may as well increase Wyoming, EG and Point Claire to take the students

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

North Gosford Site

STRONGLY AGREE

Six discrete comments relating to:

Ease of Traffic (4)

BEST IDEA – plenty of room!! And lighter traffic

Close to CBD (1)

Ideal location due to access, proximity to CBD

Primary School compromised by North Gosford Learning centre (1)

As long as present special needs school does not share the site – needs to move elsewhere

AGREE

Ten discrete comments relating to:

Out of CBD (3)

This is a suitable site but it may be inconvenient to students located in the CBD

Primary School compromised by North Gosford Learning centre (2)

Best of all possible sites but still not ideal. What happens to North Gosford Learning Centre

Gravesite (2)

Concern about it bordering a cemetery

Good Option (2)

This is the best option if the school were to be relocated

Parking (1)

Must have adequate parking wherever it's relocated

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

Henry Kendall High School

STRONGLY DISAGREE

Twenty-seven discrete comments relating to:

Traffic, parking and access (8)

Traffic would be a nightmare as it already chokes morning and afternoon – too close to existing schools and hospital

Problems with primary school co-located with a high school (8)

I don't like the culture of Henry Kendall HS. I think the reputation of Gosford PS will suffer if they are associated

Geography of site (4)

Who on earth came up with this? Have they heard of geography or of FLOOD PLAINS??

Parents unaware of this option (4)

It is unfair and deceptive to ask the school community about this site. No information has been provided to the greater school community

Too far from home (2)

Travel to this site is too far from home – Avoca Beach

Electrical sub-station (1)

Major opposition is the location near electrical substation

DISAGREE

Ten discrete comments relating to:

Traffic, parking and access (5)

The traffic on Racecourse Rd would be difficult to manage

Problems with primary school co-located with a high school (3)

How would this work? Would we just be put in old Henry Kendall classrooms and made to share facilities with the High School students

Parents unaware of this option (2)

Possibly better than Gosford High School Victoria Oval & Ag farm sites. Do not know enough about it

Parent Survey – Qualitative Analysis

Henry Kendall High School

STRONGLY AGREE

One discrete comment relating to:

Good option (1)

More space due to less population due to Mountains High School

AGREE

Seven discrete comments relating to:

Good option (4)

This appears to be the best alternative at present with the opening of Kariong HS, however, HK should not lose any resources due to a possible location

Traffic, parking and access (3)

Parking and buses are also a problem with this location

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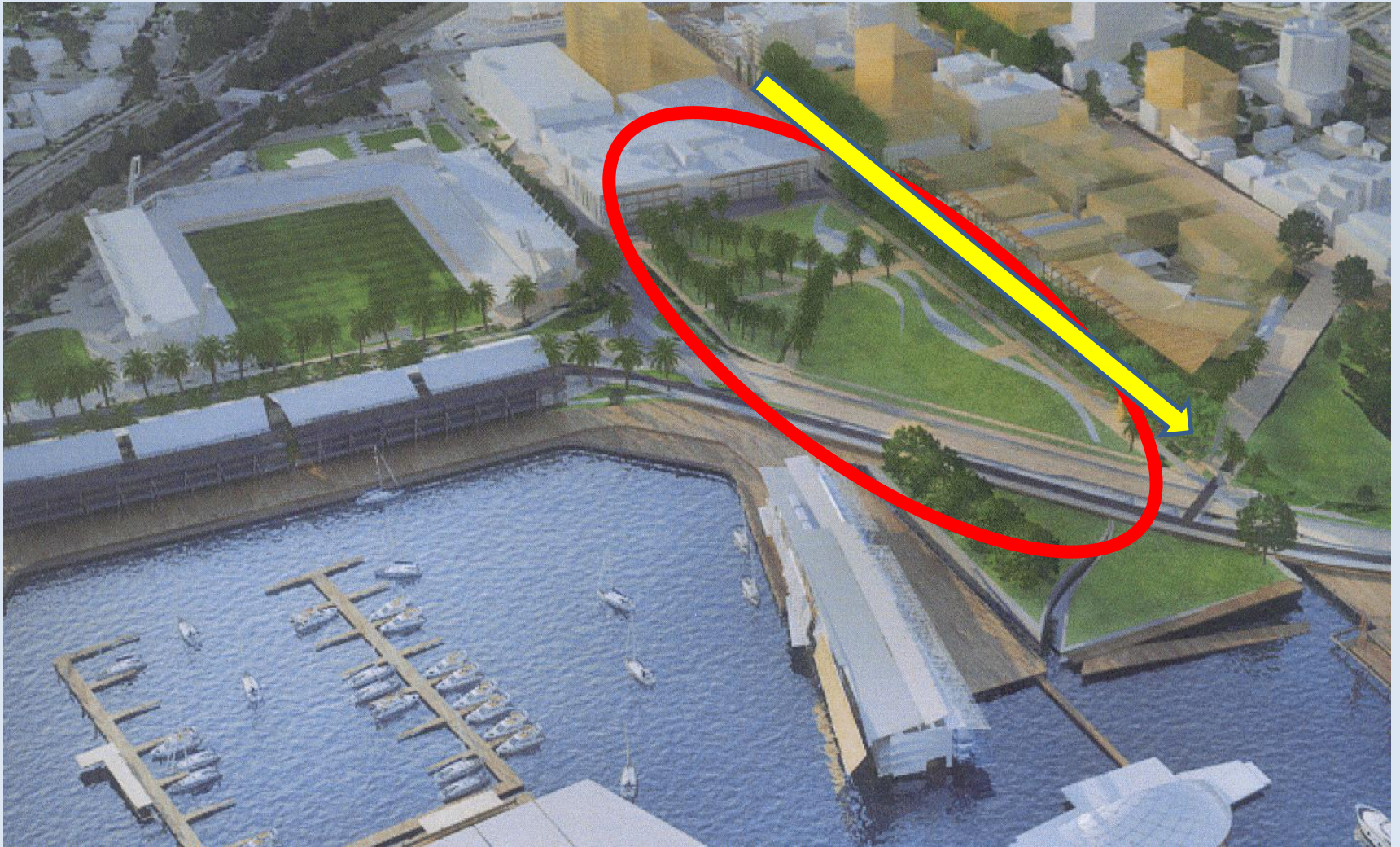
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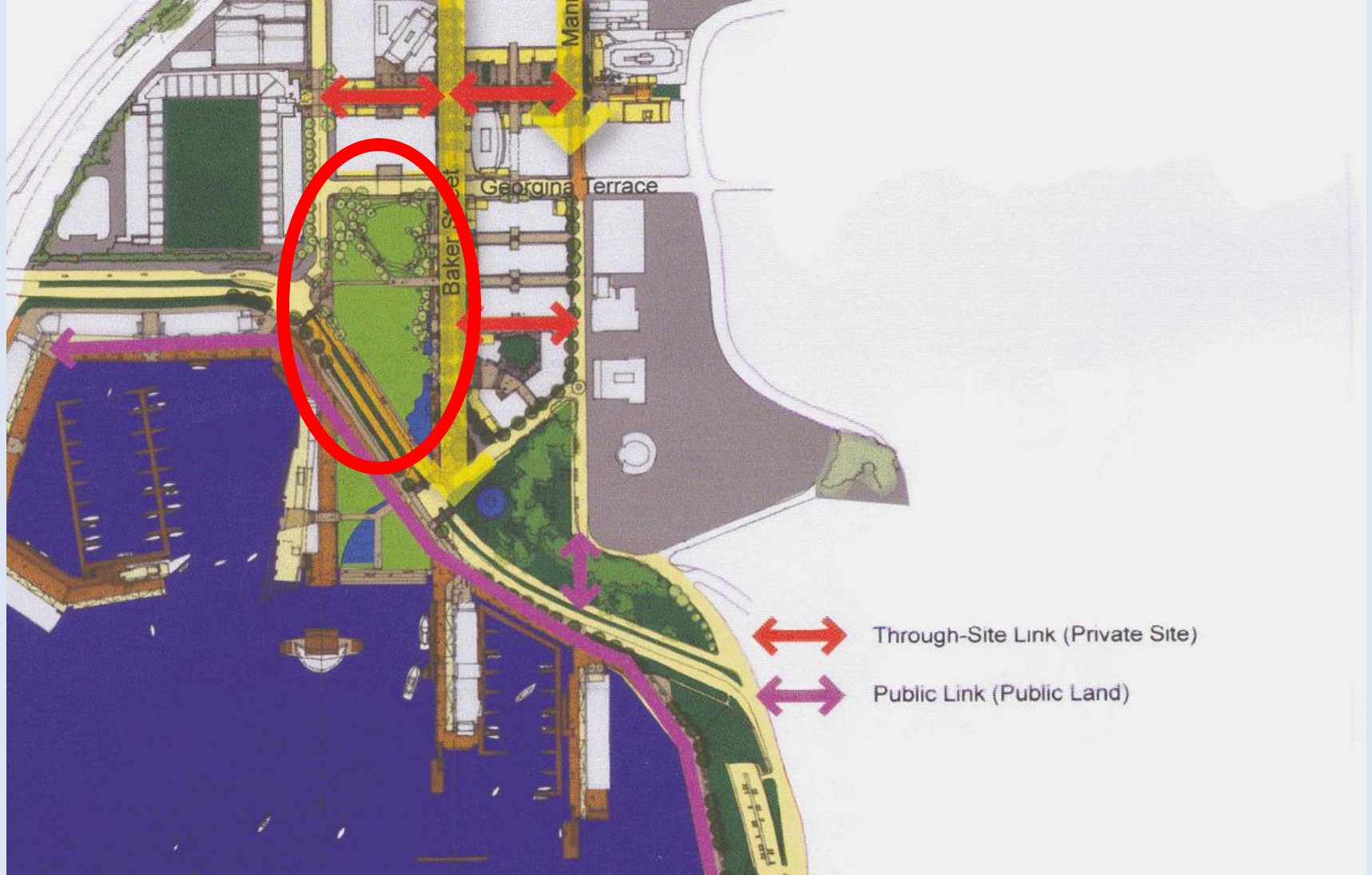
Factors underpinning relocation proposal

- Status of current site
- The BER program
- The Henry Kendall High School site
- An education precinct
- A 'new' Gosford Public School
- The Gosford Challenge
- Timeline

Status of current site

- In need of capital upgrade and refurbishment
 - What is the most effective use of public money?
 - **Opportunity to deliver a modern, state of the art, new primary school (21 classrooms)**
- Loss of access to oval (Leagues Club Park)
 - Physical education and sport programs compromised
 - Site restrictions before school, recess and lunch







**Gosford PS
1.59 ha**



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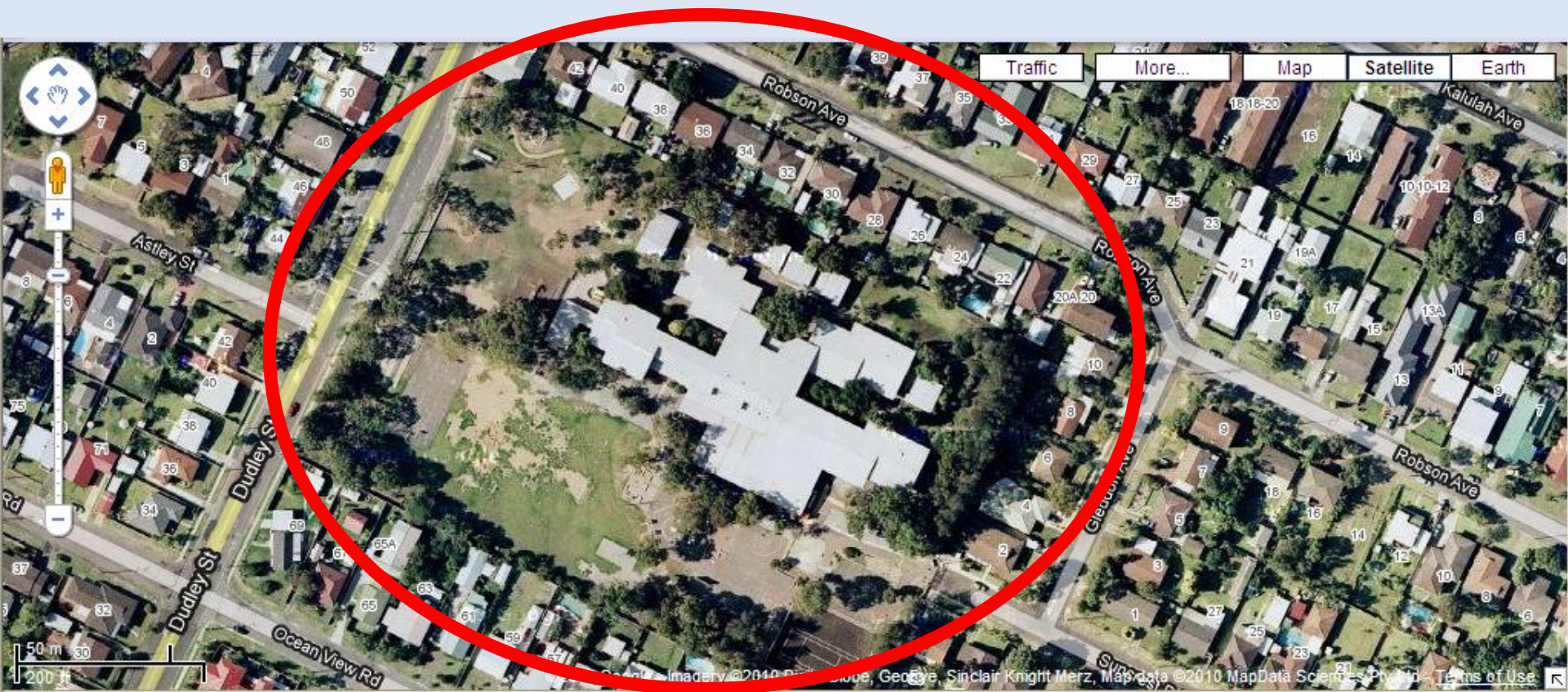
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Ettalong PS
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Gorokan PS
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Blue Haven PS
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Niagara Park PS

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Northlakes PS 3.00 ha



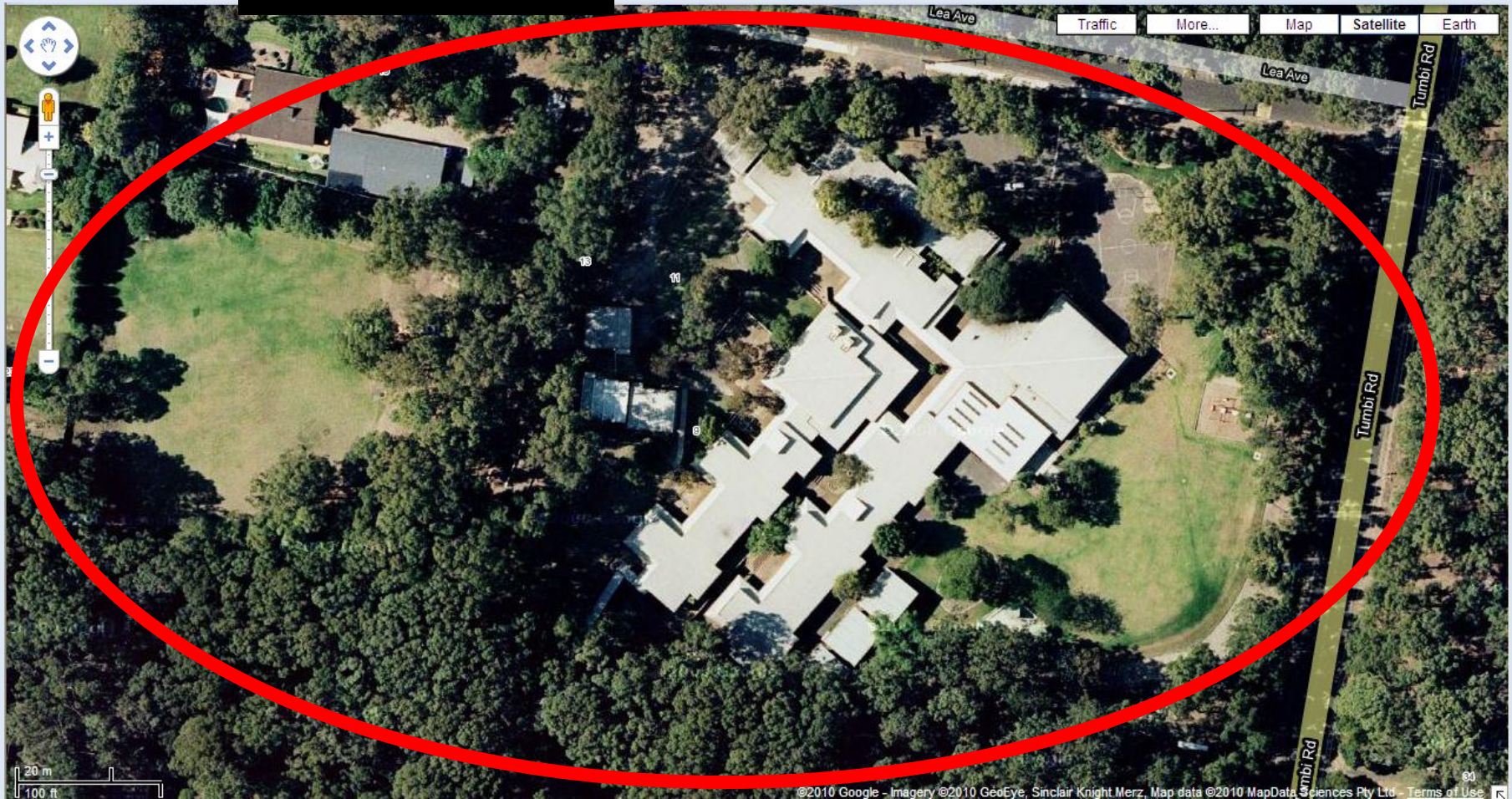
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Wamberal PS 3.99 ha



**Gosford PS
1.59 ha**



Lake Munmorah HS & PS

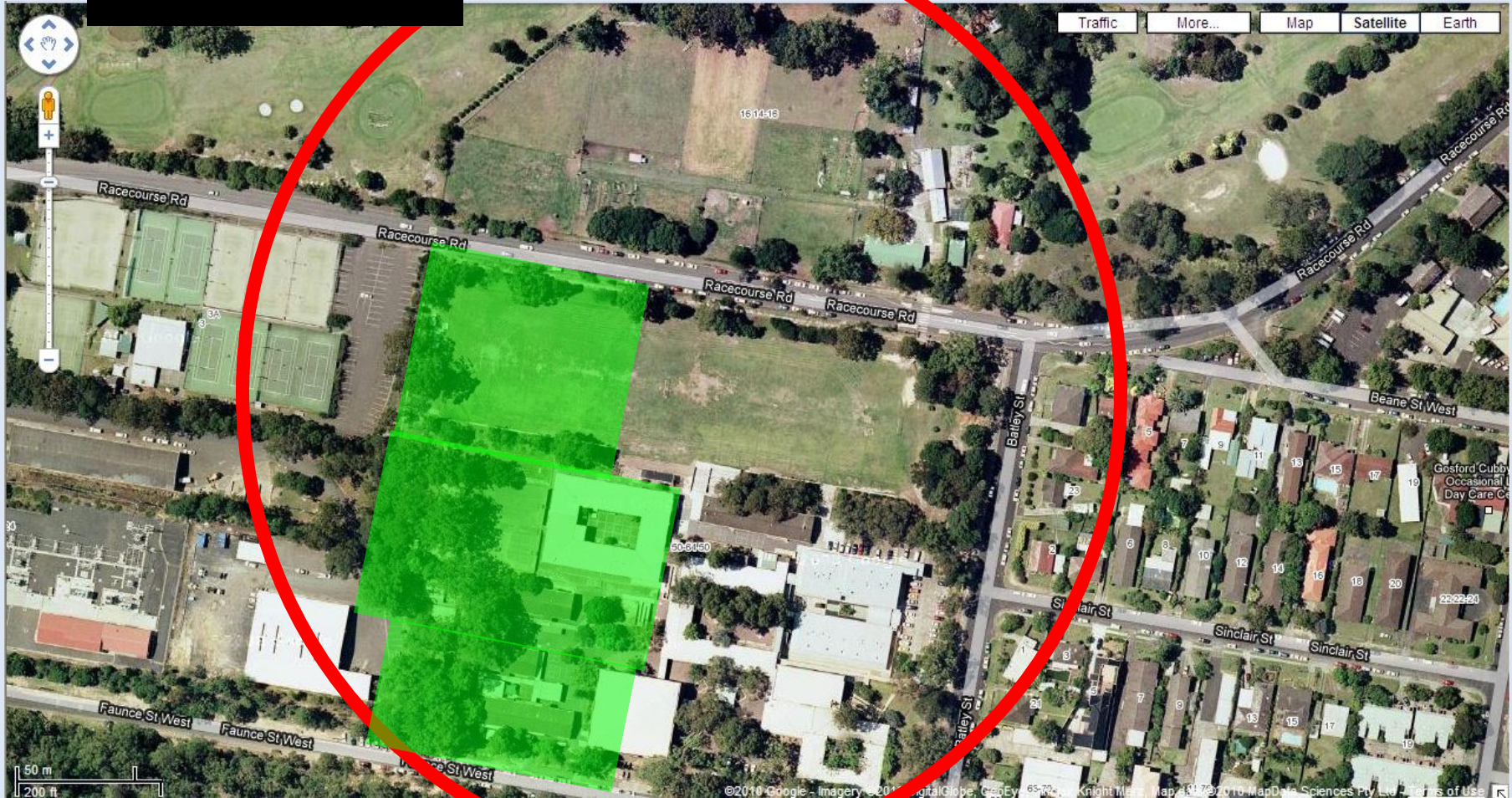
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Henry Kendall HS
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Gosford PS 2.15 ha approx



Gosford PS
2.85 ha approx
(with access to HS oval for
sport, carnivals and PE
where appropriate)



BER Program

- The BER project – six new classrooms
 - Can only be built on an existing school site
- First stage of the development of the ‘new’ Gosford Public School

The Henry Kendall HS site

- With the opening of Kariong Mountains HS, Henry Kendall HS will halve enrolments from approximately 1300 in 2009 to approximately 650 in 2015
- Ample space is available to construct a new, 21 core (21 classrooms) primary school.
- Existing buildings in the south-west section of the site would be demolished.
- Special Education facilities would be constructed elsewhere on the site.

**New site more
central to
intake area**

Henry Kendall HS



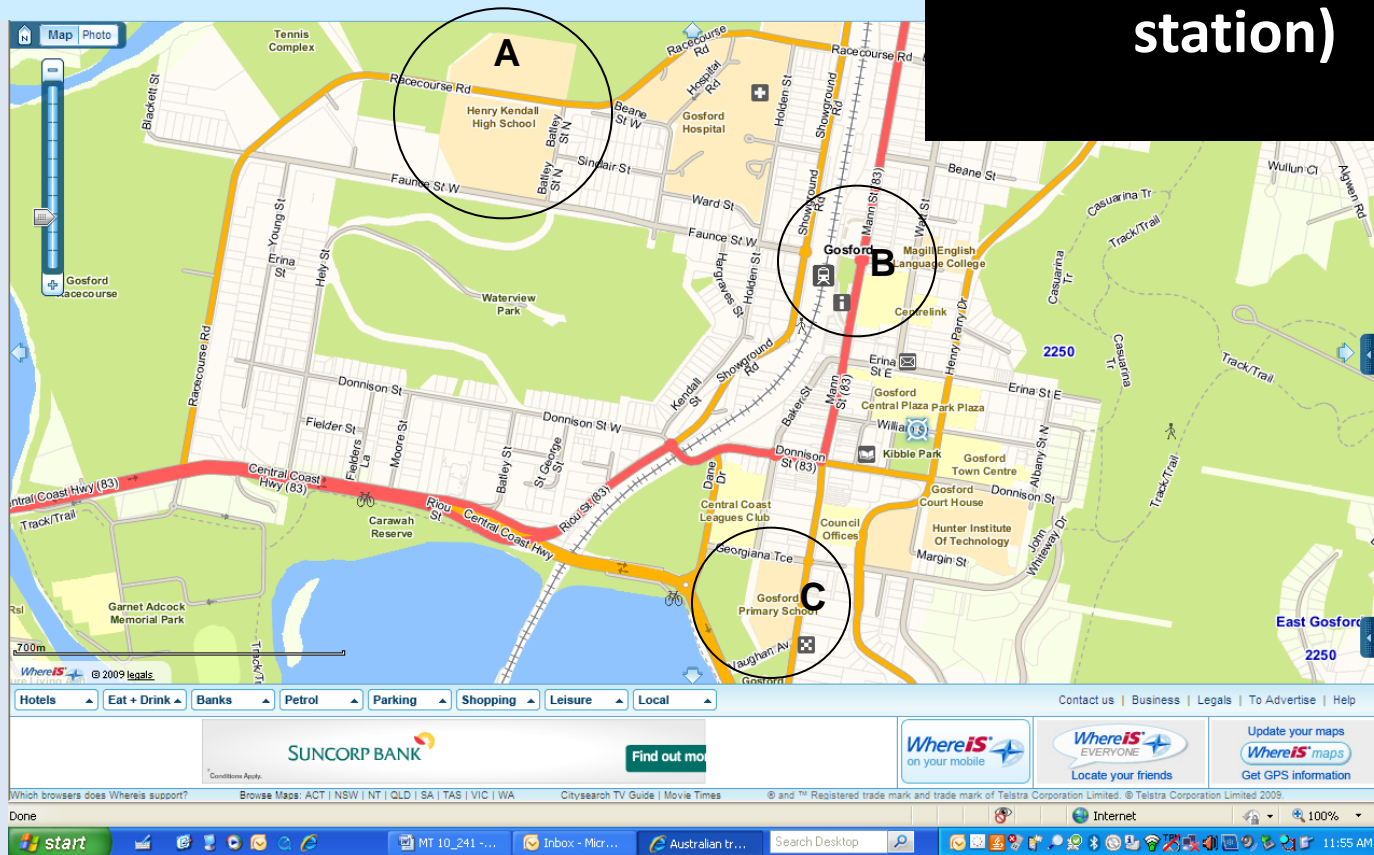
Gosford PS

Henry Kendall HS (A)

Gosford Railway Station (B)

Gosford PS (C)

**New site similar
distance from centre
of Gosford (railway
station)**



An Education Precinct

- Gosford Public School is the major partner schools for both Henry Kendall HS and Gosford HS
- Locating the three schools in the same precinct will facilitate transition and middle schooling (Yrs 5-8) initiatives
- The vast majority of students at Gosford Public School will go to either Henry Kendall High School or Gosford High School. For those parents with students in primary and high school, drop off and pickup should be enhanced
- Bus travel will be streamlined with one less 'school site' to be considered by bus companies

A 'New' Gosford Public School – Initial Planning

- New, state of the art, primary school including 21 classrooms, library, special programs room, covered outdoor learning area, games court, kiln room, administration, staffroom, student toilets and drinking facilities, canteen and storage areas, assembly area, boundary fencing, gates, playground, pedestrian/vehicular circulation including car parking and services
- Retains the name Gosford Public School and its full staffing entitlements as a P2 school
- Demolition of Blocks A, B, C and H

Library



Classrooms







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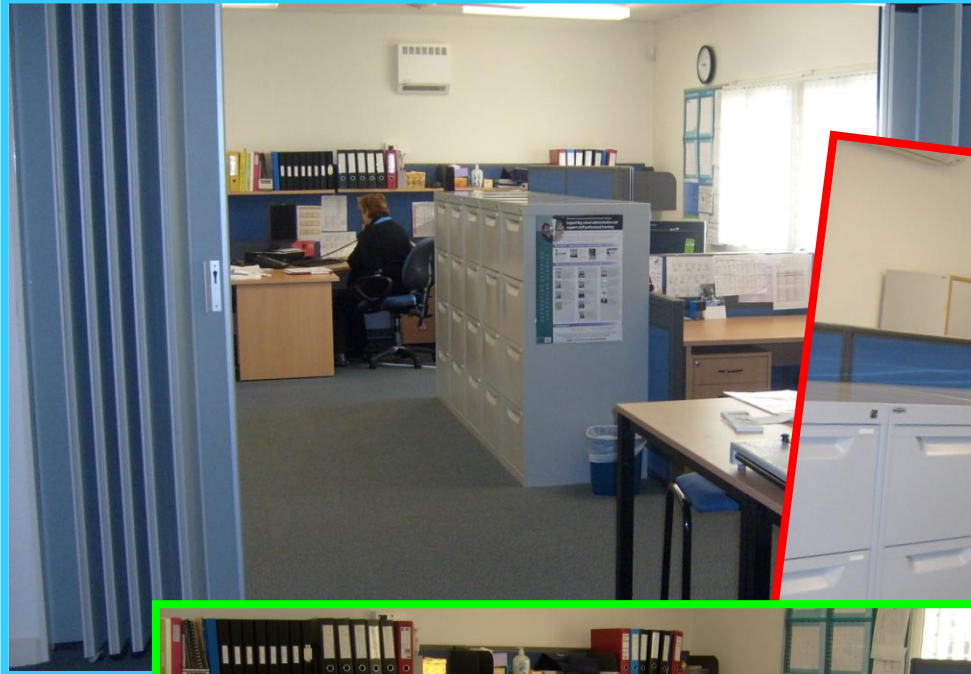
Staffroom



Offices (Principal, AP & DP)



General Office

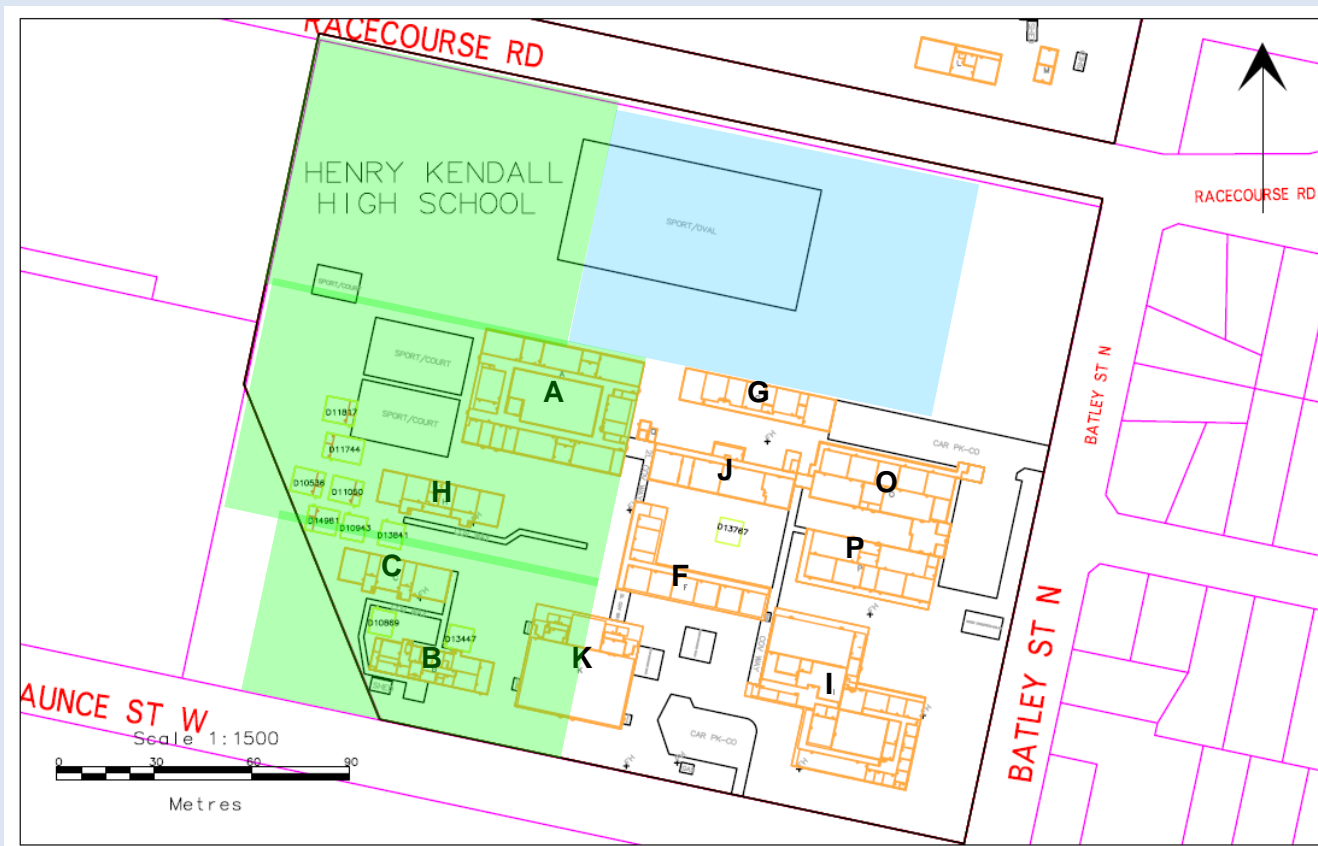


Sickbay



Parking

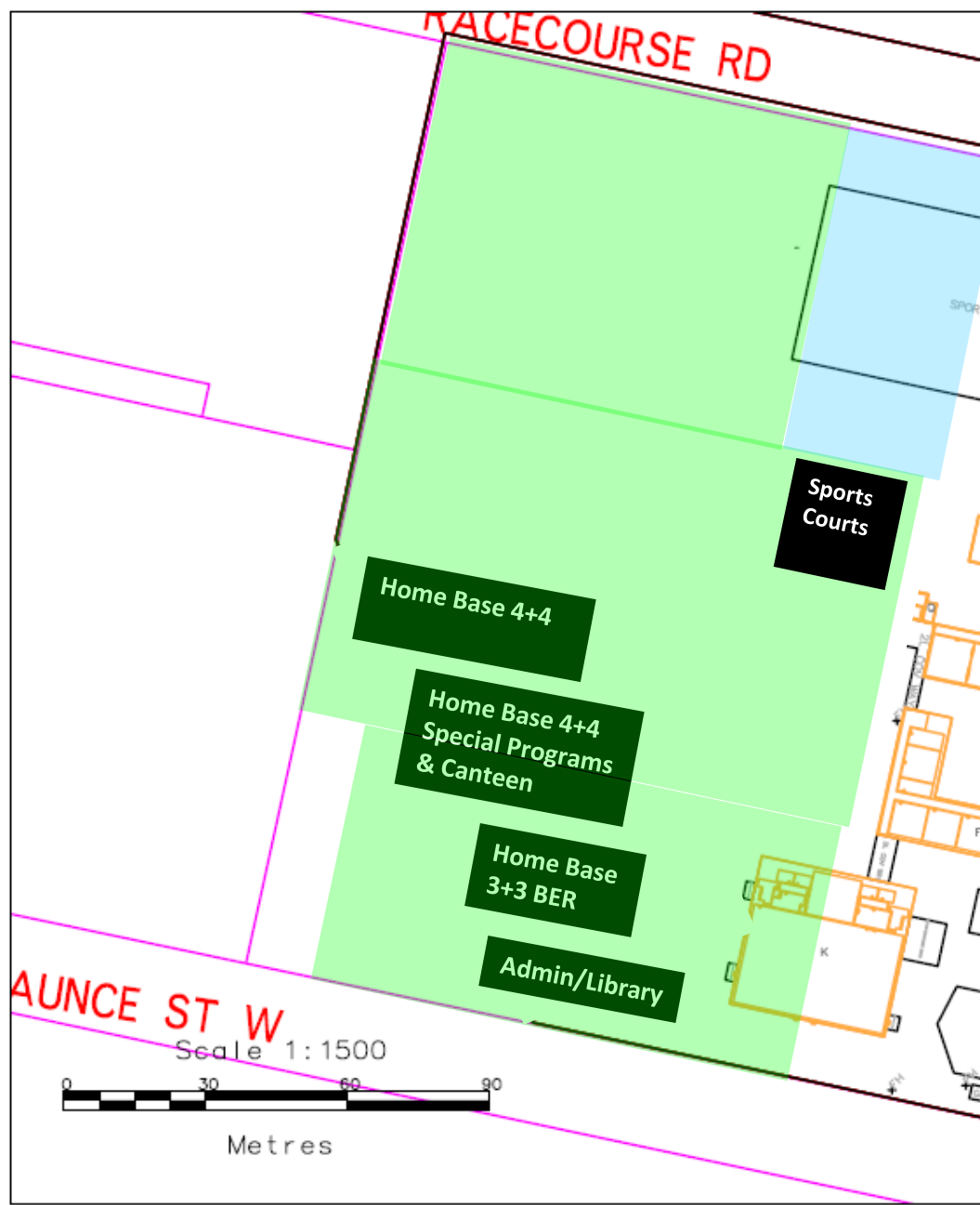




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Preliminary Site Development





An enhanced Henry Kendall HS – Initial Planning

- Retain some buildings
- Construction of new special education facility
- Back-conversions to several blocks to provide learning spaces
- Construction of new learning spaces (Science labs)
- Construction of new performance and fitness learning units
- Construction of new games court
- Construction of four new outdoor learning spaces.

Shared Facilities

- Block K (Multipurpose facility) [Hall]
 - The specifications for a high school hall are far superior to that of a standard primary school hall
- Sports Oval
 - The sports oval has the capacity to support athletics carnivals, rugby and soccer matches. Ideal for school sport, PSSA competitions and physical education programs

The Gosford Challenge – The Waterfront

- Site of State Significance
- Baker Street boulevard, creek and park (not oval)
 - Access to the waterfront for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles
- Entertainment precinct
- Waterfront hotel
- Retail, tourism and hospitality development
- Gosford Public School?

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Anticipated Timeline

Stage 1

- BER works – Six Classrooms – Commence 2011

Stage 2

- Construction of special education facility – Commence 2011

Stage 3

- Construction of the remainder of the 'new' Gosford Public School and enhancements to Henry Kendall High School – Commence 2012

Stage 4

- Transition from old site to new site – During Semester 2 2013 – Full occupation beginning 2014

Consultation

Independent Consultant

An understanding of primary and secondary schooling and the capacity to liaise with school communities, and Department of Education and Training personnel at school, regional and state level.

Consultation Period - Five weeks

Commence Monday 26 July and conclude on Friday 27 August.

Terms of Reference

Written Submissions

Closing date Friday 20 August. Submissions will allow groups or individuals to make comment on the proposal to relocate to the Henry Kendall HS site.

Focus Groups

Eight people drawn randomly from the school records and invited (including prospective parents from prior to school settings) to attend a focus group session. Each focus group will provide feedback and comment on the proposal to relocate to the Henry Kendall HS site. Three focus group discussions for each school.

Surveys (telephone)

Parents drawn randomly from the school records (including prospective parents from prior to school settings) contacted by telephone during the first three weeks of the consultation period and asked their view and comment on the proposal to relocate to the Henry Kendall HS site. Parents not wishing to take part in the telephone survey will be given the opportunity to 'opt out'.

Web-based Question and Answer (email)

Questions will be able to be raised directly with the Consultant by email. Many questions will require contact with other DET personnel, such as those in Asset Management Directorate.

Report and Recommendations

Working Party

A Working Party will be established immediately to liaise with the school communities, Department of Education & Training, Gosford City Council, Roads and Traffic Authority, bus companies and other relevant bodies and agencies to ensure the best possible plan for the future and any relocation outcome.

Membership will include:

Parents (P&C), Teachers (NSWTF), Principals and other DET Officers

Questions

