

## Town of Victoria Park Local Planning Policy No. 23 – Parking – Victoria Park Christian School – Applicant Justification

The intent of this proposal is to reduce the number of turning movements, on-street parking and congestion around Victoria Park Christian School by expanding the school's popular private bus service and by building a new internal one-way road connecting Oswald and Colombo Streets including a new 'kiss and drive' parking area.

The new 'kiss and drive' parking area will increase the number of car bays on the school grounds from 31 to 40. The one-way road also has enough space for another 8 cars to quickly stop and drop off or pick up students if all 'kiss and drive' bays are taken.

The Town of Victoria Park requires car parking for private schools to be provided at a minimum rate of 14 bays per 100 students, plus staff car parking at a rate of 0.07 bays per student. Based on a maximum capacity of 250 students, the Town's parking requirement is therefore 18 bays for staff and 35 bays for students. 18 of the 40 bays will be allocated for staff, leaving 22 bays and the space for another 8 cars (30 car spaces in total) to cater for parents picking up and dropping off students.

At the Town's required rate of 14 bays per 100 students, 30 car spaces will serve 214 of the 250 students.

This is sufficient as not all students are driven to school. The school runs a popular private bus service paid for on an annual basis by parents, which incentivises daily usage by students.

23% of the students at the school currently use this bus service. Applying this ratio to the maximum of 250 students means that 58 students are likely to catch the bus daily. Therefore the on-site car parking only needs to serve 192 students, given 58 will catch the bus. As there is enough parking and 'kiss and drive' space to serve 214 students, there is more than enough parking provided on the school grounds to meet demand.

Even less students are likely to generate parking demand though, as approximately 7% walk or cycle to school regularly and another 16% are in multiple-child families who are driven to school in one vehicle.

In the unlikely event that overflow parking is necessary, there are also 7 parking bays on Oswald Street in front of the school that are time limited to 15 minutes during school drop off and pick up periods, and there is also space on the Colombo Street verge in front of the school for 10 parked cars.

This justification confirms that the school will be able to handle the car parking demand generated by a maximum of 250 students and associated staff through the existing car park, the additional 'kiss and drive' area, the adjacent space for 8 cars, the private school bus, families who walk/cycle, multiple-child families and the overflow parking directly adjacent to the school site.