



# Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham

A Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition  
Educating boys in Years 5 – 12 since 1891

20 November 2023

Dear Neighbours,

I am writing to you to update you on the upcoming building plans for CBHS Lewisham.

The Uniting Church, currently located at 64–66 The Boulevarde, is relocating its services in mid-2024. We have recently purchased the property from them and have now lodged a Development Application with the Inner West Council to rezone this property for school use.

We propose to retain the church, which was decommissioned in the 1980s, for use as classrooms and remove the blond brick building facing Toothill Street to make way for playground space for students. The design will enhance the streetscape by providing additional landscaping. All works carried out at the school will meet NSW planning and approval requirements.

I wish to reiterate the commitment I made to you in November 2021. Our plans do not include an application to increase the enrolment of the school beyond the current 1350 student cap. Our current plans are only to provide our students with more open spaces and additional facilities.

We have a dedicated page on our website for neighbours which you can access [here](#) that highlights upcoming events, provides copies of community letters along with the minutes from the Community Consultation Meetings. You can also contact us at [office@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au) which is monitored daily during the school term.

We continue to strive to reduce our impact on the local community by following a traffic management plan and have trained staff to control traffic and parking before and after school each day. This traffic plan is independently audited and current observations are that traffic is flowing well before and after school. We also remind parents frequently not to double park, block driveways or wait more than a few minutes in the pickup and drop-off zones on The Boulevarde.

We have aimed to minimise the traffic congestion on The Boulevarde and Denison Road by altering our school day so that different year groups commence and finish classes at different times. We actively encourage our students to catch public transport with ten school special bus routes available. Furthermore, our parent-teacher interviews will again be held this year via video conferencing to reduce congestion and parking issues.

We are a comprehensive school that educates boys who live in the Inner West and Canterbury Local Government Areas. We are an inclusive, low-fee, Catholic school that has served local families for 132 years. I hope our long-standing contribution to the community was a reason why you chose to live in this local area which we all share and enjoy,

Regards

Dr Michael Blowes  
Principal