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Stage 1A Independent Environmental Audit – Barker College

This letter outlines the outcome of a recent independent audit undertaken at Barker College following the completion of the Rosewood Walk and Stairs project, which forms part of the College's Master Plan. The Master Plan can be viewed here:

<https://www.barker.college/about-barker/our-master-plan/>

Independent audits are a requirement of the planning approval for the College's Master Plan and will continue to be undertaken as future stages are delivered. The audit purpose is to review both completed works and the College's broader progress in meeting a range of planning approval requirements over time.

While this audit was triggered by completion of the Rosewood Walk and Stairs (Stage 1A of the Master Plan), it also reviewed a number of broader requirements that apply across the entire Master Plan. These included matters such as traffic management, development staging and administrative reporting requirements.

As a result of the broader audit scope, the audit identified several non-compliances; these are outlined in detail in the *Barker College Response to Audit* document uploaded to the College website. Importantly, these findings do not relate to the safety, operation or performance of the Rosewood Walk and Stairs. Rather, they reflect requirements that are intended to be progressed, updated and completed over the life of the Master Plan as future stages are delivered.

For example, some traffic-related requirements are designed to be implemented and refined over many years as the Master Plan progresses and travel patterns evolve. Because the audit assesses compliance at a specific point in time, these longer-term actions can be recorded as non-compliant even where work is already underway and ongoing management measures are in place. Further detail about progress on Traffic Management for the College can be viewed here:

- [Green Travel Plan 2026](#)
- [Operational Transport and Access Management Plan 2026](#)

The audit identified several administrative matters. These included the need to prepare additional documentation recording compliance outcomes for the completed works and updating the Master Plan staging program to reflect changes to the timing and sequencing of future stages. Barker College has already commenced actions to address these matters.

Importantly, the non-compliances identified by the audit do not affect student or staff safety, the day-to-day operation of the College, or the amenity of the campus. They primarily relate to longer-term planning and administrative requirements that will continue to be addressed as the Master Plan progresses.

Barker College remains committed to meeting all obligations under its planning approvals and will continue to work with its consultants, certifiers and the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to address the matters identified in the audit.

A copy of the audit report and Barker College's response can be viewed on the following page: <https://www.barker.college/about-barker/our-master-plan/>