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NEW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF GROWING ROSEBERY POPULATION

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) has submitted a development application to the City of Sydney Council for a new primary school in Rosebery to help meet the needs of young, working families in Southern Sydney.

The proposed St Joseph's Primary School on Rosebery Ave will enrol up to 420 children from Kindergarten to Year 6, and create job opportunities for 25 teachers and administration staff.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics forecasts Southern Sydney's population growth to skyrocket by over 90 percent by 2041. Primary-school aged children in Rosebery and surrounding suburbs set to double over the next 20 years.

"Sydney Catholic Schools is responding to the unprecedented demand for education in inner Sydney. Families of inner Sydney will have the opportunity to access faith-based, low-fee, quality education," explained Executive Director Tony Farley.

The school has been designed by award-winning architects Neeson Murcutt + Neille. The design features modern learning spaces, a community hall, outdoor and collaborative learning areas plus parents can enjoy an undercover kiss and drop off.

The new school will be open to the public outside of classroom hours for community services, health and wellbeing programs and community event hire.

Parish Priest Father Paul Smithers said the new school would open up exciting opportunities for future generations in a rapidly growing area.

"Nearly 30 years ago the school at this Parish was closed as the local population dwindled, now we are in the midst of a vibrant resurgence of inner-city living as our suburb is renewed," said Fr Paul. "There has been lots of local interest among parishioners and locals wanting to enrol their children already: the location and design is exciting for them."

For more information about the proposal, contact communications@syd.catholic.edu.au or on 0448 587 950



Images of the new school follow below:



Above: the new school hall on Dalmeny Avenue by Rosebery North shops. The school façade is made from recycled bricks to reflect the former industrial character of the area. Image: Sydney Catholic Schools.



Above: the new school entrance on Rosebery Avenue, next to St Joseph's Catholic Church, Rosebery. The school façade is made from recycled bricks to reflect the former industrial character of the area. Image: Sydney Catholic Schools



Above: the new school seen from the crossroads of Morely Avenue and Rosebery Avenue, Rosebery. The impressive trees on the corner of the site are retained as the brick façade curves behind. Image: Sydney Catholic Schools.