



# MOUNT SINAI COLLEGE

6 RUNIC LANE MAROUBRA NSW 2035 | SYDNEY | AUSTRALIA  
ABN 41 001 997 404

## Decision Statement

### Background

Mount Sinai College (the School), is the proponent for minor alterations to an existing building, known as Building 2, at 6 Runic Lane, Maroubra.

The proposed activity has been classified as a Class 1 – Review of Environmental Factors (REF) ‘other school development works’ in accordance with the *NSW Code of Practice for Part 5 Activities for registered non-government schools* (the Code).

DM Planning has prepared a REF to assess the potential impacts of the proposal in accordance with Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EPA Act), clause 228 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EPA Regulation) and the Code.

In order for the activity to proceed, the school must make a determination of the REF in accordance with Part 5 of the EPA Act.

### Description of the proposed activity

The proposed activity which involves minor external alterations to level 2 of building 2, comprises of 5 x windows with external screens along the eastern elevation (3 of which involve replacement of glazing within existing openings).

In detail, the new windows and screens, comprise of the following:

1. 1 new window opening to the classroom at western end, 3.75m wide x 0.3m high, containing 2 x awning windows and 1 x fixed pane with external screen.
2. replacement of 3 existing glass brick windows with clear glass awning windows and the addition of an external screen.
3. 1 new window opening to classroom at eastern end, 1.33m wide and 1.38m high, containing 1 awning window and a fixed external screen.

### Consultation

In accordance with the provisions of the Code, mandatory community consultation was undertaken between **1 March 2022** and **30 March 2022**. Written notice was provided to the relevant government agencies being Randwick Council as well as the owners of neighbouring properties. Council and neighbours were invited to provide response submissions on the proposed activity within 21 business days of the date of the correspondence.

No submissions were received



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## Consideration of Environmental Impacts

The proposal is within the school site and is part of the refurbishment of an existing building. Environmental impacts are minimal for the following reasons:

- There are only minor works proposed;
- The proposal is consistent with the exiting school use;
- The proposal is compatible with the existing surrounding land uses; and
- The proposal will not generate an increase in staff or student numbers or vehicle movements to the site of greater than 10%.

The main issues discussed in the REF relate to:

- Legislative planning requirements of Commonwealth, State and local planning policies and legislation, specifically the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Education Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017* (ESEPP); and
- Key environmental considerations.

The REF addresses the requirements of Part 5 of the *EPA Act* by considering, to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment from the proposed activity. The REF also considers factors prescribed under clause 228 of the EPA Regulation.

## Conclusion

The REF concludes that the proposal will not affect threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats.

The REF also finds that the proposed activity will not impact on matters of National Environmental Significance or Commonwealth land, and therefore does not require a referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The key conclusions of the environmental impacts detailed in the REF are accepted for the following reasons:

- The REF has been prepared by persons appropriately qualified and trained to consider and assess the impacts of the proposal;
- The REF provides a true and fair review of the proposal concerning its potential effects on the environment; and
- The REF is comprehensive and takes into account, to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the proposal.



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## Determination

I, Anthony Berman, am authorised by Mount Sinai College, to determine the proposal for the minor works to level 2, building 2, and have not conducted the prior assessment of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

I have reviewed and examined the REF prepared by DM Planning for the minor alterations to the building 2, level 2, at 6 Runic Lane, Maroubra, in accordance with Part 5 of the EPA Act.

Having taken into consideration the assessment and evaluation of the proposal outlined in the REF, I determine that it is not likely to significantly affect the environment, and is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats. I determine that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Species Impact Statement (SIS) are not required.

The proposed activity may now proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with any relevant provisions of the National Construction Code (NCC).
2. Implementation and compliance with the conditions stipulated in the REF.

I can confirm that this Decision Statement and the REF for the proposal will be made available on the school's website prior to the commencement of the proposed activity.

**Signature:**

**Name: Anthony Berman**

**Position: MSC Board Director and President**

**Date: 01/04/2022**

