

Scholars Drive Link

New Access | Sippy Downs

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Sunshine Coast Council is building a new access from Scholars Drive to the roundabout at the intersection of Columbia Street and Varsityview Court, Sippy Downs. Called Scholars Drive Link, this new access will alleviate traffic congestion at school peak hours and improve traffic efficiency in and around the school precinct.

Scholars Drive Link is funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



Q. Why is Scholars Drive Link being built?

Scholars Drive Link is being built to help alleviate traffic congestion at school peak hours at Sippy Downs. This new transport link will improve traffic efficiency in and around the school precinct.

Q. Are the surrounding educational facilities in support of the project?

This new transport link has the support of the University of the Sunshine Coast and Chancellor State College.

Q. What is being built?

Scholars Drive Link will consist of a 3m wide, 20 km/h, one-way concrete path that will provide access for light vehicles.

Q. Where is the location of Scholars Drive Link?

Scholars Drive Link will run from the Scholars Drive cul-de-sac to the roundabout at the intersection of Columbia Street and Varsityview Court, Sippy Downs.

Q. When can vehicles access Scholars Drive Link?

Vehicle access to Scholars Drive Link will be available during school pick-up and drop-off times only – between 7am and 9am and 2pm and 4pm on school days. The opening times will depend on traffic use and could operate for as little as 30 minutes morning and afternoon if congestion eases quickly.

Q. Will Scholars Drive Link be accessible to motorists outside these times?

No. Scholars Drive Link will not be accessible for vehicles outside these times or during school

holidays. The Link will only be open for pedestrians and cyclists outside the school peak times.

Q. Will lighting be installed?

Lighting and security cameras will be installed along the Link. Lighting would be bollard style to reduce disturbance to adjacent property owners.

Q. How will Council stop vehicles from using Scholars Drive Link outside peak times?

Boom gates will be installed at the entrance to Scholars Drive Link on Scholars Drive and the exit at Columbia Street to restrict access outside peak times.

Q. When will construction start?

Construction will start in the coming months and is expected to be completed by the end of 2021, weather permitting.

Q. What will construction involve?

Construction will involve drainage works, minor vegetation clearing, additional tree planting, construction of the 3-metre-wide concrete path, installation of boom gates, lighting and security treatments, line marking and signs.

Q. Will I be informed when construction commences?

Council will send nearby residents a work notification three weeks prior to construction commencing.

Q. Who do I speak to if I have an enquiry?

For enquiries, or to speak to a member of the project team, please call: (07) 5475 7272