

Santa Sabina College plans \$52m sports hub, heated swimming pool in major development plan

An elite Catholic girls' school is set to spend millions building a new sports centre and aquatic centre.

Santa Sabina College has unveiled early plans for a major redevelopment of its Strathfield site including new multipurpose sports facilities and a heated outdoor swimming pool.

The works would involve the demolition of existing outdoor sporting courts, changing rooms, pool and car park next to the school's current science centre.

The new sports centre would include three indoor multipurpose sports courts along with a gym and offices.

The outdoor heated nine-lane outdoor pool would include change rooms and seating areas.



The proposal is classified as a state significant development.

The development – estimated to cost \$51.6 million – includes landscaping work and basement carparking with 133 spaces.

It is understood the facilities would also be used for school activities including as an examination centre and a gathering space for community events.

Principal Paulina Skerman said the development would support the health and wellbeing of students.

“Providing an indoor space for sporting activities is important in further engaging young people to develop good mental and physical health,” she said.

“As the college has experienced significant growth in the last five years, it will provide the only indoor space where the whole school can gather for events and assemblies.

“Other schools will also join our students in using this facility for competitive sports and for learn-to-swim programs for our youngest children.

Plans show the majority of construction activity is expected to occur within school hours as well as Saturday mornings.



A concept image of the new pool.



The proposal includes a new indoor sports court.

If approved, construction is expected to begin from July 2025.

The early plans have been lodged with the Department of Planning as part of “state significant development” proposal.

Detailed plans are expected to be released later this year.

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