

4 July 2016

Dear PLC Sydney Families

I write about two issues.

1. A response to Burwood Council regarding people who were fined for queuing along Boundary Street at the close of Term 2. See below.
2. Information about the changes to Croydon Railway Station access that occurred during the holiday break. See the attachment.

Boundary Street

On the penultimate day of Term 2 at 2.50-3.10pm Burwood Council Rangers conducted a surprise traffic blitz on PLC Sydney families.

I say 'surprise' because we were given only 25 minutes notice.

I have spoken with the General Manager of Burwood Council and with our NSW State member to state the following:

- We fully support the booking of any driver who is double-parking or parking illegally or not following traffic rules
- We are dismayed by the decision of Council Traffic Rangers to book parents who were waiting in the queue to enter the school gates on Boundary Street. This caused, confusion, safety concerns and unnecessary upset
- We have engaged Burwood Council on numerous occasions regarding traffic improvements around our College. The most recent time was two weeks ago. This has included modelling for improving conditions on Boundary Street
- Burwood Council Staff, including the General Manager, have attended the College and have watched the entire pick-up program, complimenting us on being one of the most efficient schools in the area. Whilst we have submitted an evidence-based proposal to Burwood Council to make Boundary Street a one-way street, in order to allow cars not connected to PLC Sydney to move around cars waiting in line, Council has consistently stated that they prefer the current model.
- No member of Burwood Council asked to speak with me to discuss any new concerns the Council might have.
- I believe that any issues that Council might have with us as a College are best addressed through dialogue.

The General Manager of Burwood Council has agreed to a meeting on Tuesday 19th July to discuss the movement of traffic. At that meeting I will be revisiting earlier options we submitted for improving traffic movement around the College and asking for his team to take a pro-active and positive approach in the future.

I will update you on this area via *Connections*.

I cannot comment on the nuance individual cases of those who were booked on the day. I do wish to raise with him the case of parents who were booked simply for being in the school queue. I wish to ask for their fines to be revoked. I have spoken with our local member about this.

If you were a parent who was booked for being in the queue, could you please send a copy of the ticket to Mrs Sabita Mathews (smathews@plc.nsw.edu.au).

I will keep you up to date with our progress,

Kind regards

Dr Paul Burgis
Principal