



29 August 2017

Dear Parents,

**Re: Bickford Place Access Closed 29.08.2017-16.04.2018 - Redevelopment of Ovals**

The Hallam Senior Secondary College and Hallam PS shared ovals are being professionally redeveloped. This redevelopment has been a long time in planning and preparation, and will eventually provide high-quality Rugby and Soccer pitches to support the Hallam Senior Secondary College 'Sporting Excellence' programs. Hallam Primary School students will also benefit from the redevelopment. **Both ovals will be inaccessible from now until the start of Term 2 2018 during the redevelopment.**

Construction fences will be installed adjacent to our existing fence to restrict access during the redevelopment. The engineer has advised that **the ovals must be inaccessible as there will be major drainage, irrigation and earthworks being undertaken.**

Consequently, the gates in the fence at the rear of our Kitchen Garden, and **the gate to the walkway leading to Bickford Place, will remain locked until the redevelopment works are completed. Parents and students will not be able to enter or exit the school grounds through that walkway until further notice.**

**Families who have been using Bickford Place as a pick up/drop off point are advised that they will now need to pick up/drop off along Harmer Road.** This will potentially increase the traffic along Harmer Road, particularly at dismissal time. Parents are advised that teachers are on duty until 3:45pm, so picking your child up closer to 3:45pm could improve your ability to find a parking space at the front of the school.

Families need to understand that this work is important for all students who will attend Hallam PS and Hallam Senior Secondary College in the future. This redevelopment will, however, cause temporary inconvenience.

We apologise for difficulties this might cause in the short term. However, we request that you remain patient and considerate so that your children, our students, stay safe when they are coming to, and departing from, Hallam PS.

Yours sincerely,

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**Principal**

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