

6. Will my child be able to safely access the Special Education Unit if the DES complex is redeveloped?

- Maintaining safe access to the Special Education Unit is being taken into account in planning for the Department of Emergency Services (DES) redevelopment next to Kedron State High School.
- A master plan is being prepared for the site which will involve consultation with Education Queensland over access issues.
- The access issue will be dealt with in detail as the DES project designs develop.

7. What do I do if I have a concern or complaint during construction of the projects?

- CNI is committed to ensuring the projects do not interfere with the day-to-day running of the schools.
- Regular meetings will be held between project representatives, school representatives and the contractor to discuss and address issues that may arise.
- The contractor will establish a community information service consisting of a toll-free phone number operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- There will also be regular newsletters and website updates, an email information service and a visitors' information centre similar to the North-South Bypass Tunnel visitors' centre at Kangaroo Point.
- Staff, students and parents are encouraged to voice their concerns and provide feedback directly to the contractor.

8. What would happen if there was a major accident or incident on the work site?

- The contractor appointed to build Airport Link and the Windsor to Kedron section of the Northern Busway will be responsible for safety on the work site.
- The contractor will have an emergency plan in place to handle both the on-site and off-site consequences of a major accident, including maintaining access for emergency vehicles.

9. What is the timeframe for delivering the projects?

- **Late 2007** tenders close
- **Mid 2008** successful tenderer announced
- **Mid-late 2008** contract awarded
- **Late 2008** construction to start
- **2012** construction to be completed

Investigating the projects

The Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council have been investigating Airport Link since 2005. Extensive community consultation went into developing the Airport Link Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which can be found on www.infrastructure.qld.gov.au along with the EIS Supplementary Report and the Coordinator-General's EIS evaluation report. For more information visit www.brisbaneairportlink.com.au or www.airportlinkeis.com

Planning for the Northern Busway between Herston and Kedron also involved wide-ranging community consultation during the development of the Northern Busway Concept Design and Impact Management Plan (CDIMP). For more information visit www.translink.com.au/northernbusway

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Airport Link, the Northern Busway and your school

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Information brochure for
Kedron State High School and
Wooloowin State School communities

Extra attention for schools

The Queensland Government will give Kedron State High School \$3.5 million in compensation if its soccer field is temporarily needed during construction of the Airport Link and Northern Busway projects.

City North Infrastructure (CNI), the State Government company set up to deliver Airport Link and the Windsor to Kedron section of the Northern Busway, will give the \$3.5 million to Education Queensland solely for improving the educational environment at Kedron State High School.

Education Queensland has also committed to investigate a drop-off/pick-up zone for Woolloowin State School, while CNI has agreed to conduct extra noise monitoring and ensure the contractor produces child-friendly information about traffic changes during construction.

These commitments come on top of mitigation measures, outlined in the project impact statements, that the contractor will be legally obliged to develop and implement to minimise potential construction impacts on the schools and the wider community.

The mitigation measures are expected to include acoustically lined work sheds, dust suppression systems, noise barriers, and traffic management arrangements to ensure safe access to the schools. These measures will be finalised late next year after a contract is awarded and the contractor has completed detailed designs and environmental management plans for each project.

About the projects

Airport Link is a mainly underground toll road proposed to connect the North-South Bypass Tunnel, Inner City Bypass and local road network at Bowen Hills to the northern arterials of Gympie Road and Stafford Road at Kedron and Sandgate Road and the East-West Arterial in the north-east.

The Northern Busway will give priority to buses by separating bus lanes from general traffic. It will connect the Inner Northern Busway at Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Herston to Bracken Ridge via Windsor, Lutwyche, Kedron, Chermide and Aspley. The Windsor to Kedron section of the busway will be delivered with Airport Link.

1. Will construction noise and dust disrupt school activities?

- It is expected that construction close to the schools will take place over one to two years, not the full four years of the projects' construction timeline.
- Every effort will be made to minimise disruption to school activities.
- The contractor will be legally obliged to meet noise and air quality goals as outlined in the Coordinator-General's Airport Link Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluation report and in the Northern Busway Concept Design and Impact Management Plan (CDIMP).
- Noise is measured in decibels (dBA). Based on Australian Standards, the Airport Link and Northern Busway goals for steady daytime construction noise inside the schools will vary depending on the type of school activity (e.g. the goal is 45 dBA for music rooms, 50 dBA for libraries and 55 dBA for gyms)*. These noise levels are around normal conversation level.
- Construction noise will be monitored and if it exceeds the goals, the contractor will have to take extra measures to reduce it.
- Acoustically lined work sheds will be erected over the tunnel shafts to manage construction noise.
- Work sheds have been successfully used in other inner-city tunnel construction projects. An example of the type of shed likely to be used can be found at Shafston Avenue in Kangaroo Point where part of the North-South Bypass Tunnel is being built.
- The work shed will also help to contain dust from the tunnel shafts, which will be constantly monitored to ensure air quality goals are met.
- Spoil (rock and soil) removed from the tunnel will be loaded onto trucks with covered trays within the work shed to prevent dust and noise disruption to the schools.

* Steady LAeq (15 minute) (dBA)

2. What impact will the Kedron ventilation outlet have on air quality?

- Air quality near the Kedron ventilation outlet will meet stringent health-based goals detailed in the Coordinator-General's EIS evaluation report.
- The Kedron ventilation outlet is expected to be about 30m high so that emissions are released high up into the atmosphere where natural wind currents will dilute and disperse them further.
- A health risk assessment for sensitive groups, including children, found there would be no appreciable change to community health because of the ventilation outlets.
- Continual monitoring of the air quality will measure key factors impacting on health including respiratory conditions.
- Airport Link is proposed to have a longitudinal ventilation system which will minimise the escape of vehicle emissions from where the tunnel surfaces at Kedron.
- Airport Link and the Northern Busway are predicted to cause substantial drops in traffic on Kedron Park Road and Lutwyche Road which should lead overall to improved air quality along these roads.
- Without Airport Link and the Northern Busway, kerbside air quality in the northern suburbs will deteriorate as traffic congestion increases.

3. Will construction workers take up car spaces in side streets forcing parents to park well away from the schools?

- No. The contractor will be required to provide off-street parking for construction workers within the work site.

4. How is the traffic flow around the schools going to be managed?

- Discussions are in progress between the Department of Infrastructure, Education Queensland, the Department of Main Roads and Queensland Transport to address existing problems associated with the safe drop-off and pick-up of students, and parking restrictions, particularly at Woolloowin State School.
- The contractor will be obliged to put traffic management measures in place before any construction begins near the schools.
- These measures will include ensuring safe access to the schools.
- Traffic flow around the schools is predicted to improve as a result of traffic reductions on Lutwyche Road, Park Road and Kedron Park Road once the Airport Link and Northern Busway projects are operational.

5. Will children still be able to walk or cycle across Kedron Brook during and after construction?

- Yes, your children will still be able to use the Kedron Brook access during construction and operation of the projects. The contractor appointed to build the projects will be obliged to maintain this access.
- Alterations to paths and bikeways may occur occasionally. For example, while the planned new bridge is being built over Kedron Brook a safe, temporary access will be provided and maintained for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Ongoing communication is planned to give advance notice of changes to access.