

NOTICE ABOUT DECISION – STATEMENT OF REASONS

This Notice is prepared in accordance with s63(5) and s83(9) of the Planning Act 2016 to provide information about a decision that has been made in relation to a development application. The purpose of the Notice is to enable a public understanding of the reasons for the planning decision, specifically having regard to:

- *the relevant parts of the Planning Scheme and Assessment Benchmarks against which the application was assessed; and*
- *any other information, documents or other material Council was either required to, or able to, consider in its assessment.*

All terms used in this Notice have the meanings given them in the Planning Act 2016 or otherwise their ordinary meaning.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application No:	DA/4988
Applicant:	Christian Community Ministries Ltd
Proposal:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use
Description of the Development:	Material Change of Use - Educational Establishment (Extend Existing School)
Street Address:	12 Charles Street, Cooktown QLD 4895
Real Property Description:	Lot 1 on SP324984
Planning Scheme:	Cook Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 v2.0
Land Zoning:	Community Facility Zone and Rural Residential Zone
Assessment Type:	Impact Assessment

DECISION DETAILS

Type of Decision:	Approval with Conditions
Type of Approval:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use - Educational Establishment (Extend Existing School)
Date of Decision:	23 March 2026

ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

The following Assessment Benchmarks applied to the development from the following Categorising Instruments:

Assessment Benchmarks	Comment
<i>Planning Regulation 2017</i> (Schedule 9)	Schedule 9 is not applicable as the application is not for building work under the Building Act.
<i>Planning Regulation 2017</i> (Schedule 10)	This application did not require Referral to the State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA)
Regional Plan	Section 2.2 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the Cape York Regional Plan has been adequately reflected in the Planning Scheme. A separate assessment against the Regional Plan is not required.
State Planning Policy (SPP), Part E	<p>Section 2.1 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the superseded version of the State Planning Policy is integrated in the Planning Scheme. A review of the current version of the SPP (July 2017) and mapping has determined that the state interests are adequately reflected in the Planning Scheme and no additional assessment provisions in the current SPP (Part E) or updated mapping are applicable requiring further assessment against the SPP.</p> <p>However, amendments to any part of the SPP or supporting mapping may result in a local planning instrument no longer appropriately integrating a particular State interest. In these instances, the SPP and/or the supporting mapping apply to the extent of any inconsistency.</p>
Temporary State Planning Policy	There are no Temporary State Planning Policies.

Local Categorising Instrument (Cook Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017):

- Strategic Framework (Part 3)
- Community Facilities Zone Code
- Rural Residential Zone Code
- Biodiversity Overlay Code
- Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code
- Parking and Access Code
- Works, Services, and Infrastructure Code

Local Categorising Instrument (Variation Approval)

Not Applicable

Local Categorising Instrument (Temporary Local Planning Instrument)

Not Applicable

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

A review of Council's records determined no submissions were received.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The application is **approved** on the following grounds:

- a. The development has been assessed against the applicable assessment benchmarks under the Cook Shire Planning Scheme 2017 (v2.0) and the proposal demonstrates compliance with the relevant codes, overlays, and strategic outcomes, or can be conditioned to achieve compliance.
- b. The proposed development will not result in adverse impacts on the amenity of the locality or adjoining properties and represents a logical consolidation and enhancement of an existing educational facility.
- c. That an Infrastructure Charges Notice be issued for the applicable amount in accordance with Council's Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 2) 2018 in relation to Development Permit DA/4988 – Material Change of Use for an Educational Establishment (expansion of existing school).

REASONS FOR APPROVAL DESPITE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

Not Applicable

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT MATTERS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The development application was subject to Public Notification from 10 December 2025 to 15 January 2026. The Notice of Compliance with Public Notification was submitted to Council on 16 January 2026 advising that the public notification was carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. No submissions were received during the Public Notification period.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE *PLANNING REGULATION 2017*

Not Applicable

OTHER DETAILS

If you wish to obtain more information about Council's decision, including a copy of Council's Decision Notice and any conditions or plans relating to the development, please refer to Council's webpage.