

Education Victoria

Why primary students may be headed to the pub

Carlton's Dan O'Connell Hotel could be converted into a primary school to cater to a "boom" of families with young children in the inner city.

Peter Rolfe Development reporter @rolfep 2 min read November 27, 2021 - 3:19PM

Sunday Herald Sun 16 comments

Education

Don't miss out on the headlines from Education. Followed categories will be added to My News.

Follow



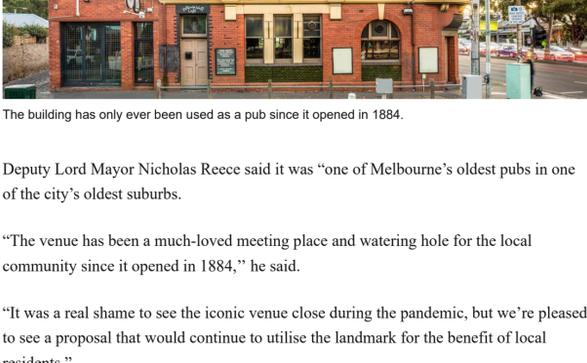
Students could soon be doing their classes at 'one of Melbourne's oldest pubs'.

A historic former Melbourne pub will be transformed into a school under a plan to be considered by the City of Melbourne.

Councillors will on Tuesday vote on a proposal to turn the Dan O'Connell Hotel in Carlton into a primary school.

The Edwardian building, constructed for Carlton Brewery Limited, is considered 'significant' under the Heritage Places Inventory 2020 and has only ever been used as a pub.

But town planners will recommend giving plans to turn it into a campus for Fitzroy Community School for 110 students and 12 teachers the thumbs up.



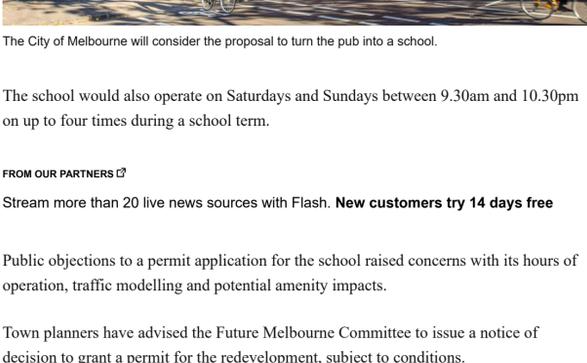
The building has only ever been used as a pub since it opened in 1884.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece said it was "one of Melbourne's oldest pubs in one of the city's oldest suburbs.

"The venue has been a much-loved meeting place and watering hole for the local community since it opened in 1884," he said.

"It was a real shame to see the iconic venue close during the pandemic, but we're pleased to see a proposal that would continue to utilise the landmark for the benefit of local residents."

Parts of the double storey brick building would be demolished to make way for the school, which would operate from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and til 9pm on no more than two nights a week.



The City of Melbourne will consider the proposal to turn the pub into a school.

The school would also operate on Saturdays and Sundays between 9.30am and 10.30pm on up to four times during a school term.

FROM OUR PARTNERS

Stream more than 20 live news sources with Flash. New customers try 14 days free

Public objections to a permit application for the school raised concerns with its hours of operation, traffic modelling and potential amenity impacts.

Town planners have advised the Future Melbourne Committee to issue a notice of decision to grant a permit for the redevelopment, subject to conditions.

Mr Reece said "Re-purposing the site as a school would ensure the historic building remains a vital part of the Carlton community.

"There has been a boom in the number of families with children living in the inner city as more and more people realise it's not just a great place to live and work but also a great place to raise a family," he said.

"Many inner city schools are overflowing with kids so any proposal for new educational facilities is very welcome.

"It will be very important for the application to respect the heritage and amenity of the building and the surrounding area."

The hotel closed in March last year as the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic hit and was sold for more than \$2.5 million last July.

More Coverage

Iconic Irish pub changes hands in secretive deal

Last drinks for beloved Irish pub?

Join the conversation (16 comments)

More related stories

Childcare centres pocket big profits as parents suffer

Some of Victoria's biggest childcare chains are under fire for pocketing JobKeeper payments while boasting million dollar profits.

Education

Melbourne public schools outsourcing private colleges

A ranking of the top high schools across Melbourne LGAs has yielded surprising results, with some public schools outperforming their private rivals.

Good Afternoon Timothy Recommended based on what you've read

Thomas flags maligned Blue as Jones replacement

0

Ralph's bold call: Can Dons free agent be All-Australian?

0

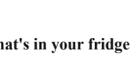
Highway closes after truck rolls in bushes

Make dinner with what's in your fridge

Trending now

News

Melbourne weather warnings: fierce winds, hail to hit Victori...



Coronavirus

Coronavirus Bill: Marathon pandemic Bill debate finally ends S...



Sport

AFL 2022 fixture: Change of Round 1 blockbuster on the cards...



Entertainment

George Calombaris says restaurant collapse saw him turn to a...



Coronavirus

Melbourne protests: Suburbs where freedom protesters are f...



Most commented

New pandemic Bill a very different beast

625

TIPS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

575

Weakest link gives Dan his way

327

PM call for calm against Omicron threat

130

Sleepless in Spring St and we all suffer

98

Membership About Us Contact Us Our News Network Our Partners Our Apps

A NOTE ABOUT RELEVANT ADVERTISING: We collect information about the content (including ads) you use across this site and use it to make both advertising and content more relevant to you on our network and other sites.