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Demographic Report – 710 Mt

Ridley Road, Mickleham

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1. Executive Summary and Key Findings

This demographic assessment evaluates whether population trends within a 10 km catchment of the proposed Islamic school at 710 Mt Ridley Road, Mickleham support evidence of current and future demand. It combines ABS Census analysis (2011 to 2021) with .id's National Forecast Program projections to 2046, focusing on overall growth, the Muslim population (religious affiliation: Islam), and school-aged cohorts.

The catchment has experienced very rapid growth, and forecasts indicate continued strong expansion through to 2046, including sustained growth in children aged 5 to 16. Scenario-based estimates suggest the Muslim school-aged cohort will increase materially over the forecast period, implying a growing local pool of potential students consistent with the project objective of demonstrating need for an Islamic primary and secondary school at this location.

Key Findings:

- Catchment population grew 148% from 2011 to 2021 (+61,831).
- Muslim residents increased from 5,562 (2011) to 17,780 (2021), lifting share from 13% to 17%.
- Muslim children aged 5 to 16 rose from 1,078 (2011) to 3,312 (2021).
- Total population is forecast to rise from 132,981 (2026) to 183,213 (2046) (+50,232).
- Ages 5 to 16 are forecast to increase by +7,277 (to 33,382 by 2046).
- Estimated Muslim 5 to 16 population in 2046: 4,580 to 7,329 (low to high scenarios).

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2. Introduction and objectives

This demographic assessment examines population growth and change within a 10-kilometre catchment surrounding a proposed Islamic school at 710 Mt Ridley Road, Mickleham, Victoria. The analysis focuses on the Muslim population within the catchment, defined as people who reported “Islam” as their religious affiliation in the Australian Census of Population and Housing, alongside trends in the total population and school-aged cohorts.

For more information about the ABS definitions of religious affiliation and the Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups, please visit:

- <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/guide-census-data/census-dictionary/2021/variables-topic/cultural-diversity/religious-affiliation-relp> and
- <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-standard-classification-religious-groups/latest-release>

The assessment combines analysis of historical demographic change with forward-looking population forecasts produced using .id’s proprietary National Forecast Program (<https://www.id.com.au/our-data/national-forecasting-program-data-set/>), providing a robust evidence base to understand past trends and anticipated future growth within the catchment.

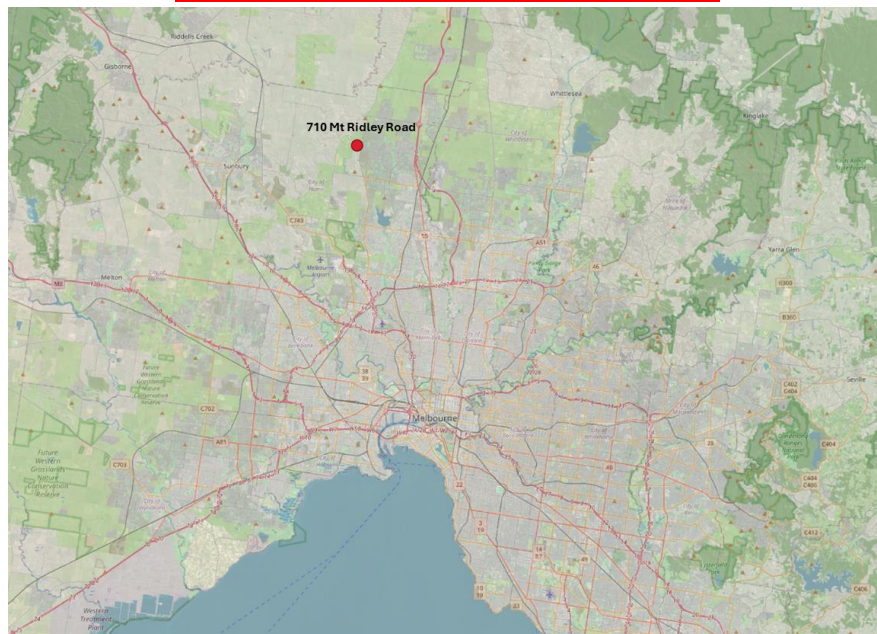
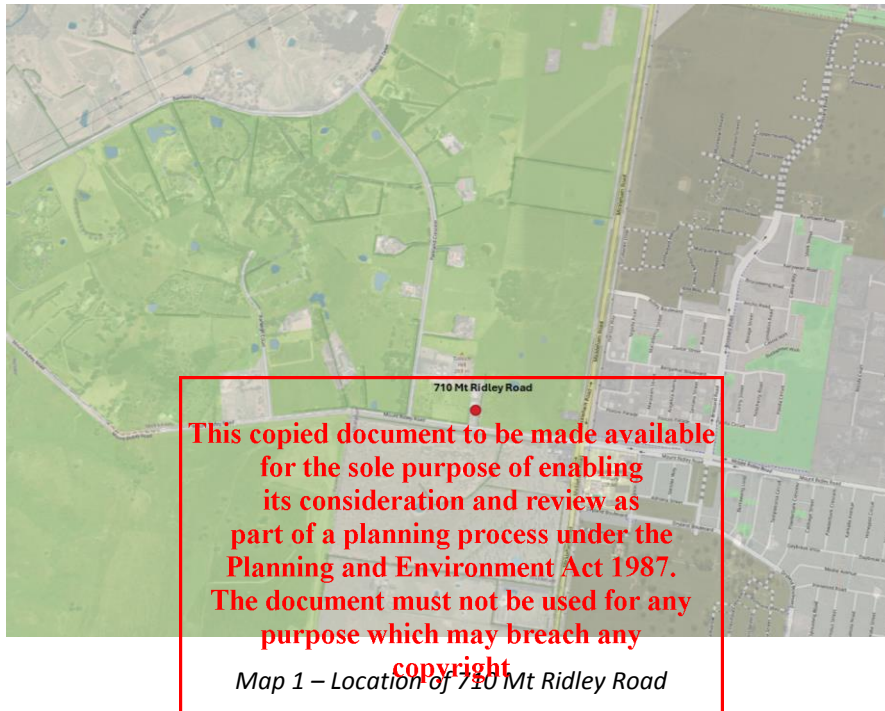
The objective of this project is to assess whether current and future demographic trends within the defined catchment indicate a growing demand for a proposed Islamic primary and secondary school at this location. This is achieved through analysis of historical change in the Muslim population between 2011 and 2021, together with population forecasts to 2046 for the total population and school-aged cohorts, including an estimate of the future Muslim population aged 5 to 16, to support the planning application.

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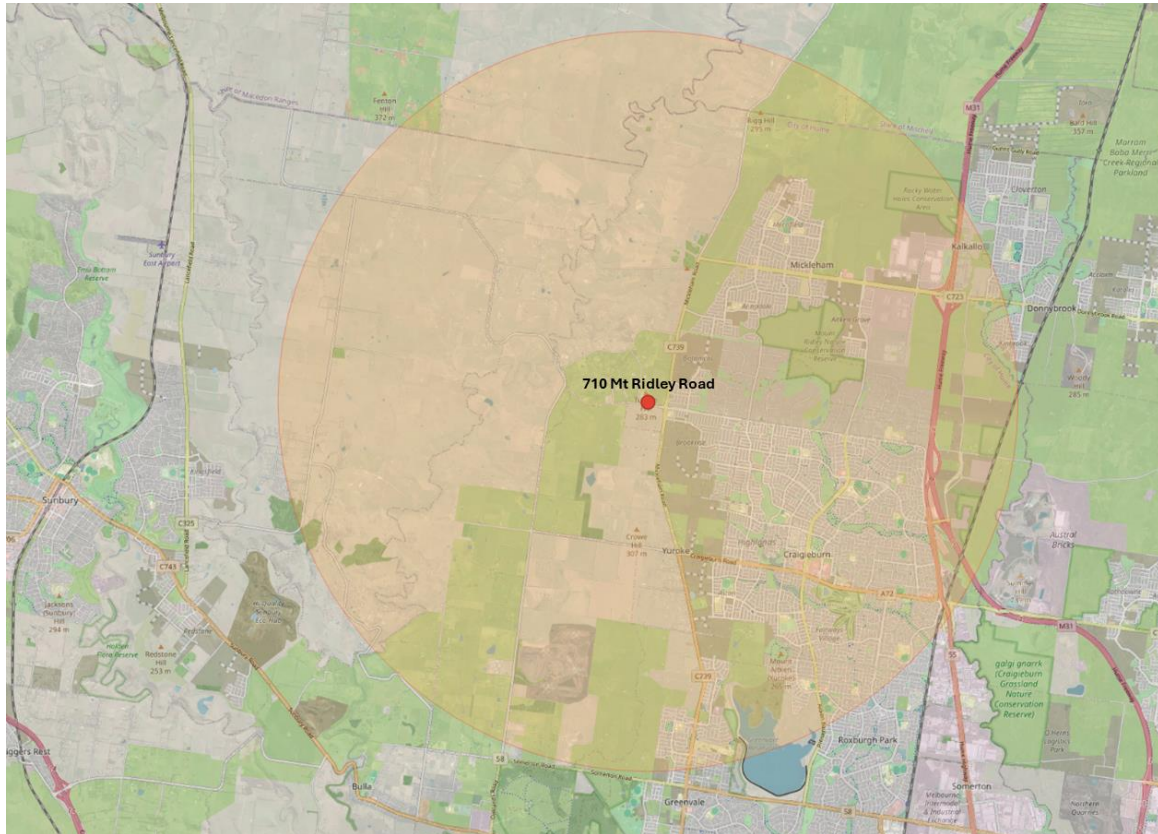
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3. Study area

710 Mt Ridley Road is located in Mickleham, a northern suburb of Melbourne in the City of Hume, approximately 30 km north of Melbourne’s Central Business District. The site sits within a rapidly growing urban fringe area with access to local bus routes connecting to nearby train stations and is around a 15-minute drive from Melbourne Airport, with broader connections to the metropolitan public transport network via Craigieburn and Donnybrook stations.



The 10km radial catchment from the school site extends north to slightly over the Shire of Mitchell administrative boundary, to the southern end of Donnybrook in the east, to the middle of Roxburgh Park and Greenvale in the south and to lowly populated farmland in the west.



Map 3 – 10km catchment buffer around 710 Mt Ridley Road, Mickleham

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4. Recent population growth and trends in Muslim population within catchment

Between 2011 and 2021, the population within the 10 km catchment of 710 Mt Ridley Road increased by 61,831 residents, representing growth of 148%. Over the same period, Greater Melbourne's population grew by 19%, while Victoria's population increased by 18%.

During this period, the share of catchment residents identifying as Muslim rose from 13% in 2011 to 17% in 2021.

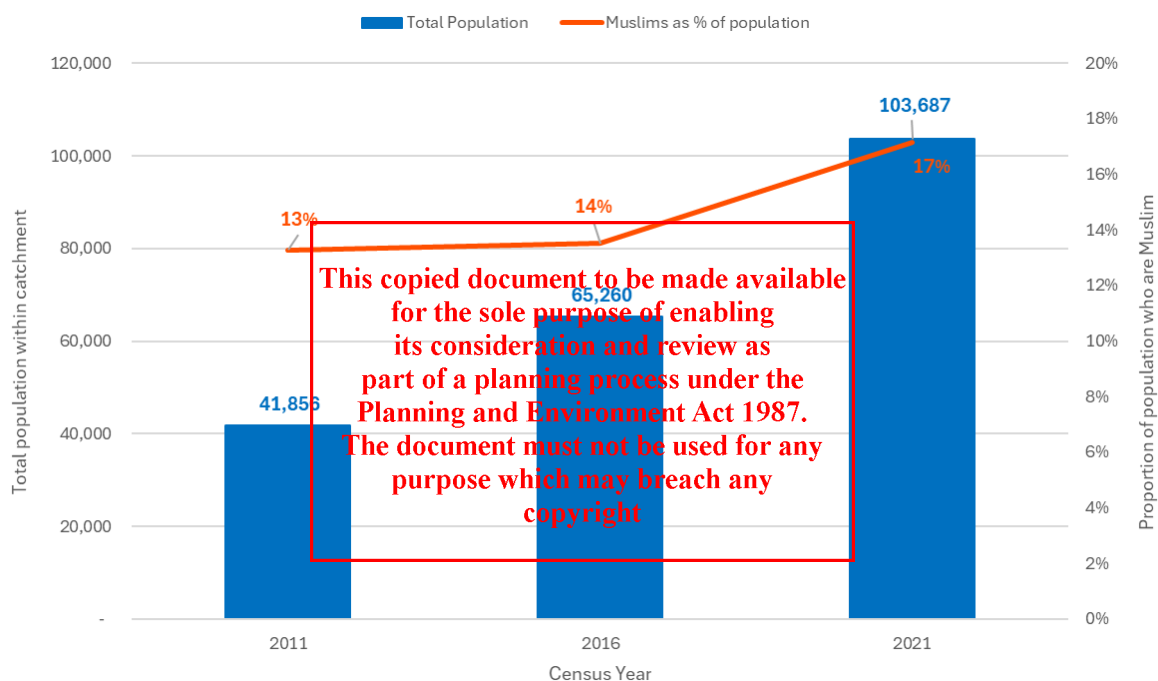


Chart 1 – Historic population growth (2011-2021) and proportion of the population who are Muslim within the catchment (Source: ABS)

The Muslim population within the catchment increased from 5,562 residents in 2011 to 17,780 in 2021. This represents growth of 12,218 residents, or a 220% increase. By comparison, the proportion of Greater Melbourne residents identifying as Muslim increased by 78% over the same period.

Within the catchment, children aged 5 to 16 accounted for 19.4% of the Muslim population in 2011 and 18.6% in 2021. Despite this slight decline in proportional terms, the number of Muslim children aged 5 to 16 rose substantially, from 1,078 in 2011 to 3,312 in 2021.

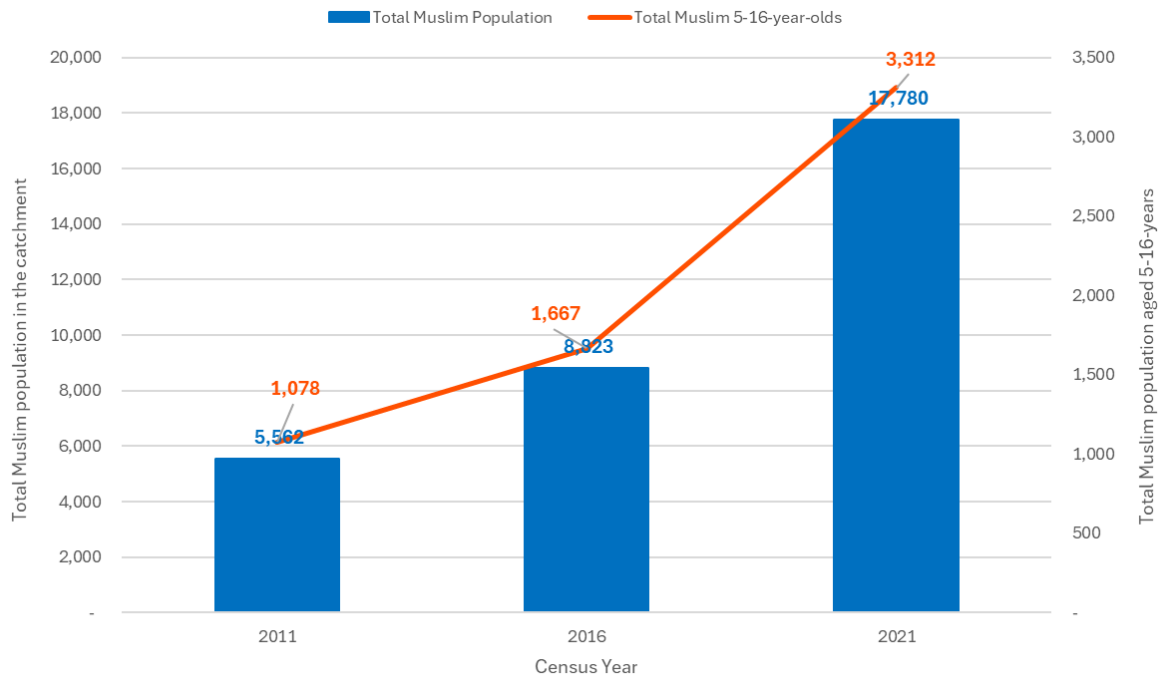


Chart 2 – Historic population growth (2011-2021) of Muslims and Muslim 5-16-year-olds within the catchment
(Source: ABS)

5. Population growth within the catchment 2026 – 2046

.id's National Forecast Program produces small area population forecasts across Australia. Within the 10 km buffer of 710 Mt Ridley Road, the forecasts assume population growth of more than 50,000 residents between 2026 and 2046. Over the same period, the population aged 5 to 16 is projected to increase by nearly 7,300 people.

While the proportion of the population aged 5 to 16 remains relatively stable overall, the long term trend shows a gradual decline as the growth area matures and older age groups make up a slightly larger share of the total population.

	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	Change
Total Population	132,981	148,975	162,613	173,808	183,213	+50,232
Population aged 5-16 years (% of total pop.)	26,105 (19.6%)	29,349 (19.7%)	31,157 (19.2%)	32,344 (18.6%)	33,382 (18.2%)	+7,277 (-1.4%)

Table 1 – Forecasted population growth (five-year intervals) within catchment of total population and of 5-16-year-olds (Source: .id)

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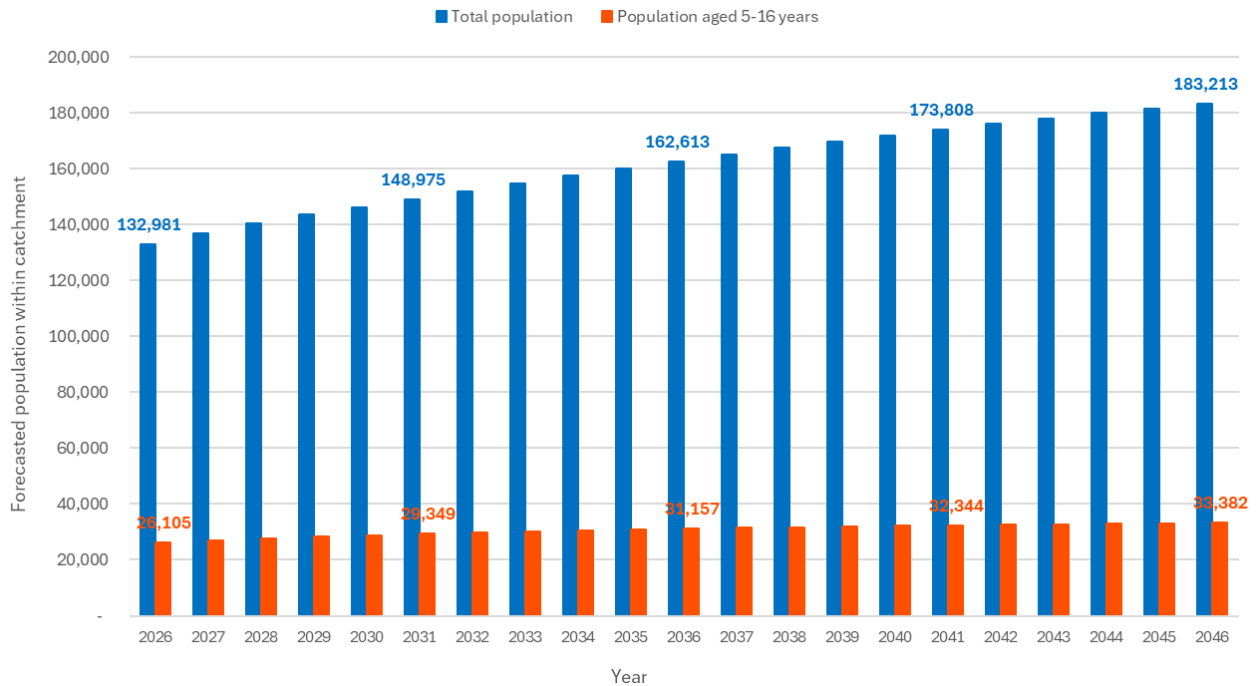


Chart 3 – Forecasted population growth (one-year intervals) within catchment of total population and of 5-16-year-olds (Source: .id)

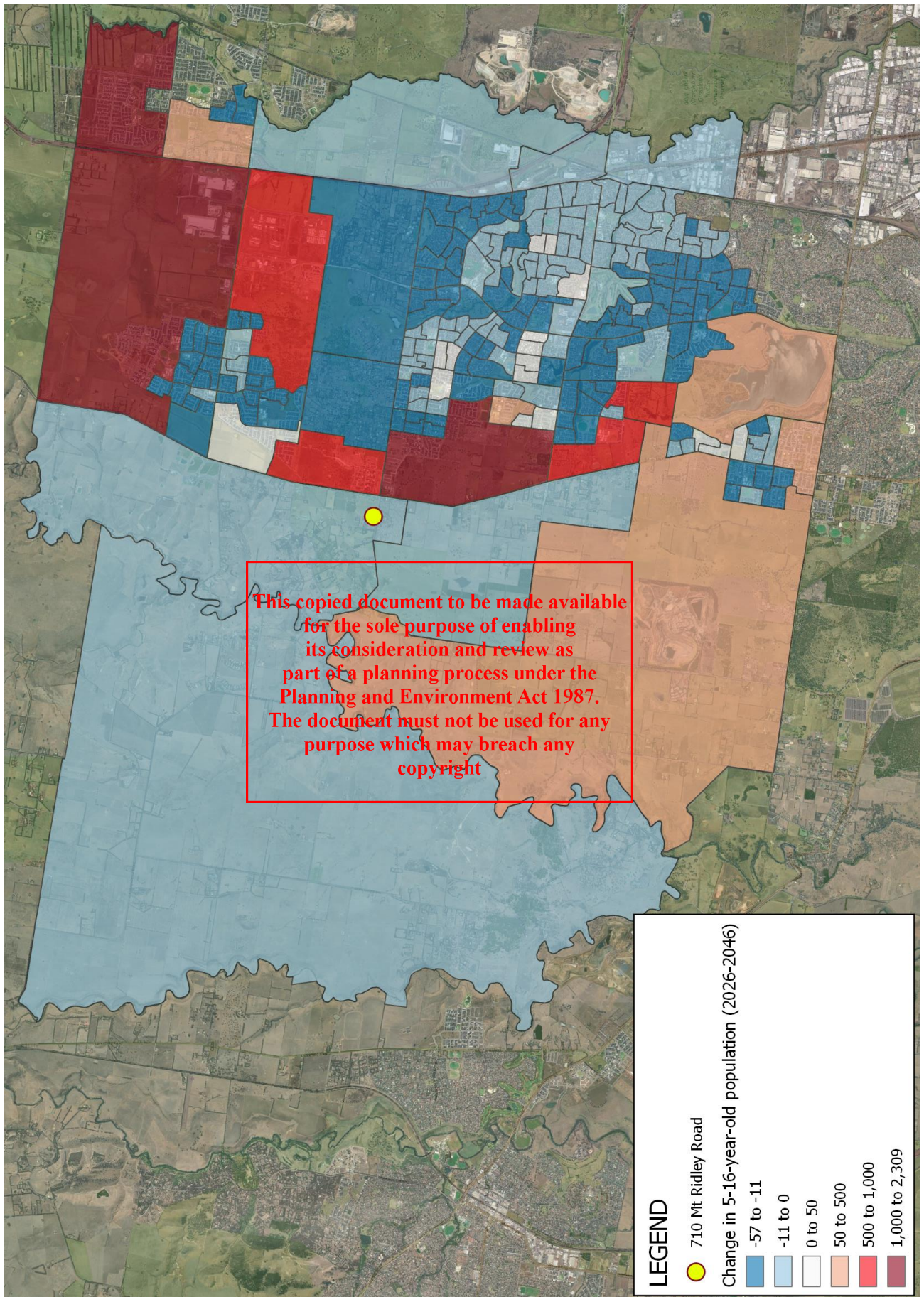
A spatial analysis by Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) indicates that between 2026 and 2046, growth in the 5 to 16 year old population will be strongest in the Brookrise and Novella estates to the southeast of the proposed school site, as well as in areas north of Mickleham and Merryfield to the northeast.

Small declines in the 5 to 16 year old population are projected in more established areas that will mature over time, particularly in northern Roxburgh Park and Craigieburn.

Breakdowns of population growth of 5-16-year-olds within the 10km radius of the proposed site are:

- Within 2km = +3,071 5-16-year-olds between 2026 and 2046
- Within 5km = +4,241 5-16-year-olds between 2026 and 2046
- Within 8km = +6,456 5-16-year-olds between 2026 and 2046
- Within 10km = +7,277 5-16-year-olds between 2026 and 2046

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Map 4 – Change in population aged 5-16 years within 10km of 710 Mt Ridley Road (Source: .id)

6. Estimating Muslim population and school-aged cohort

2026-2046

There is no precise method for forecasting cultural diversity or the future size of specific religious groups. However, population forecast data can be extrapolated to produce indicative estimates for particular cultural groups or religious denominations.

In 2021, Muslim children aged 5 to 16 accounted for 3.2% of the total catchment population. This represented an increase from 2016 and 2011, when the same group comprised 2.6% of the population. The estimates in this section apply the 2021 proportion, along with low and high scenario assumptions, to estimate the number of Muslim children in the catchment between 2026 and 2046.

- The medium scenario uses the 2021 proportion figure of 3.2%
- The low scenario uses 2.5%
- The high scenario uses 4%

This analysis indicates that by 2046, the number of Muslim children aged 5 to 16 in the catchment is estimated to be between 4,580 and 7,329, depending on the scenario assumptions.

Between 2026 and 2046, the projected increase in school-aged Muslim children ranges from an additional 1,256 under the low scenario to 2,009 under the high scenario. Further detail is provided in Chart 4 and Table 2.

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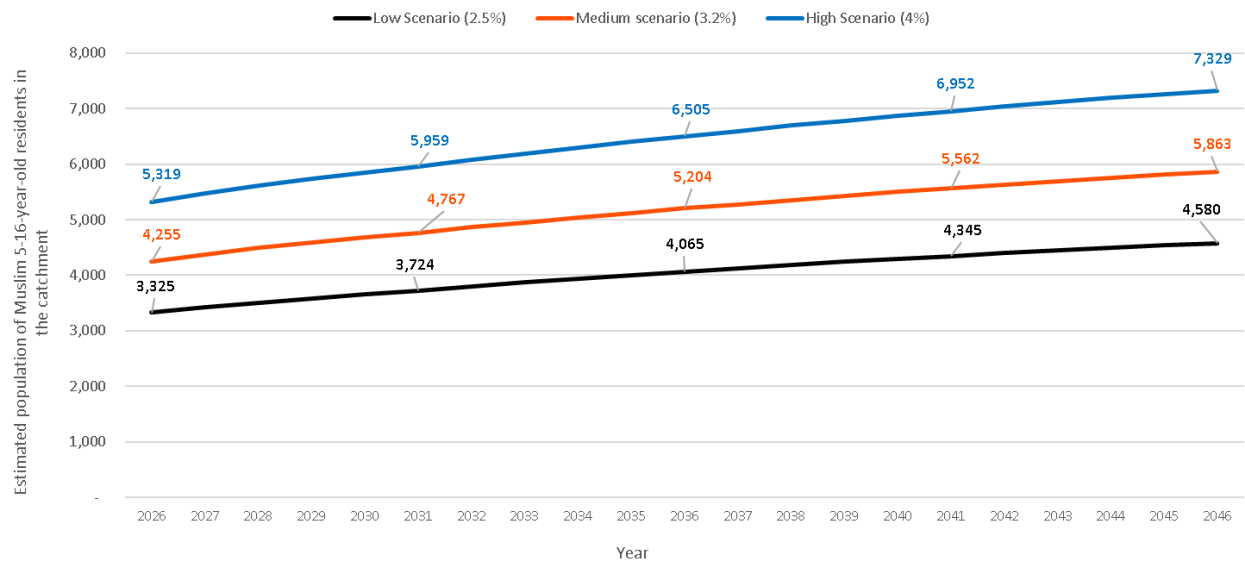


Chart 4 – Estimated and extrapolated growth in Muslim 5-16-year-olds based on three scenario assumptions

(Source: .id, ABS)

Population of Muslim 5-16-year-olds	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	Change 2026-2046
Low Scenario (2.5%)	3,325	3,724	4,065	4,345	4,580	+1,256
Medium Scenario (3.2%)	4,255	4,767	5,204	5,562	5,863	+1,607
High Scenario (4.0%)	5,319	5,959	6,505	6,952	7,329	+2,009

Table 2 – Summary of estimates of Muslim 5-16-year-olds based on scenario assumptions, 2026-2046 (Source:

.id, ABS)

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