New laws boost pokie payout for Easts’ club

Vera Bertola

EASTERN Suburbs Leagues Club is keeping a low profile after changes to legislation ensure its proposed $14 million club at Narellan will be even more lucrative than first thought.

Easts will find a smoother passage for transferring poker machines between its Bondi Junction headquarters and the new registered club on Porrende St. It will not have to forfeit as many machines to the state government.

It will also face a less stringent community impact assessment, despite being only 500m away from Harrington Park homes.

Camden Council approved a development application from Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club in August 2010 for a new club in Narellan. The application was for 150 poker machines, bar and lounge areas, TAB, restaurant and cafe.

Despite the 2010 approval and an estimated early-2012 completion date, there has been no work on the development. An Easts spokeswoman said no adjustment had been made to the plans that were approved by Camden Council: “Easts is committed to continue with the project, as it has been for the last 10 or so years, that will provide valuable community infrastructure.”

She did not answer questions about a starting date.

ORAN PARK TOWN

Students are all smiles

Tahnee Goldsworthy

ORAN Park Anglican College students can’t seem to wipe the smiles off their faces.

The newly-built college, located in the centre of Oran Park Town, opened its doors last week to welcome a group of 50 students from preparatory level to year 5.

Campus co-ordinator Jonathan Beggs said it was clear from the beaming faces of students arriving each day last week the school was a definite hit.

“They’re absolutely loving their new school,” he said. “I can tell by the beams on their faces, every day, all the time. We have a very warm, family sort of atmosphere. But one of the major things is just the smiles on their faces.”

Mr Beggs said the students wasted no time getting stuck into the curriculum, working hard in the classroom on maths and English, history and science. Students even took advantage of Wayne Gardner Reserve across the road from the college, enjoying the play equipment and large oval.

**SCHOOL BELL RINGS FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME**

**CLASS ACT**

**WHAT:** Oran Park Anglican College opened last week

**WHERE:** The college is located in the centre of Oran Park Town

**CLASSES:** About 50 students from preparatory level to year 5

**PERFECT START:** See more pictures of the first day at macarthurchronicle.com.au

**DETAILS:** 4604 0000 or opc.nsw.edu.au

**Plan on display**

The Gregory Hills Voluntary Planning Agreement will go on public exhibition for 28 days at council offices and libraries.

The agreement was offered by Dart West Development to the council to support the development of land at Gregory Hills. It will ensure infrastructure and services are delivered.