



THE AMPHITHEATRE

In July 2025, we reported that the funds raised from the community Trivia Night, with supplementation from the College capital budget, would be allocated towards the improvement of the eastern section of the Amphitheatre area in front of the PA Hall. Work was undertaken by our own Property team and this is now complete, resulting in a significant improvement to the aesthetics.

The work included installing an arc-border of sandstone blocks and a mulching of the area under the trees. This allowed the picnic tables to be placed under the shaded canopy of the trees.

However, the work in the full Amphitheatre area will not be complete until after the Bryson Building landscaping work concludes. This will link the lower section of the Amphitheatre with the border of the Bryson Building itself.

We expect this to be completed around the beginning of April, weather permitting.

The final component will be the grass. It has been difficult to maintain a natural grassed area in the Amphitheatre due to the amount of foot traffic. This may require a shift to artificial grass in this area, which we will consider over the coming month or so.

THE BRYSON BUILDING

The full external screening is now almost complete, with the large 'picture windows' now a defining feature. The building stands out strongly, particularly along the eastern and western facades.

The internals of the building are of high quality. Notably, we are at the stage where:

- Levels 2 and 4 are complete to the stage of undertaking formal inspections
- Level 3 is nearing completion
- Level 1, which contains the Café, Canteen and Primary Library, is programmed for completion around 13 February
- Building services, such as plumbing, electrical and air conditioning, are in and system connections are underway
- Acoustic materials are complete
- Bathrooms are fitted out.

We have also undertaken defects site inspections on Levels 2 and 4 this month. We were very pleased with the overall quality of the work and we are at the stage where the commissioning of services is commencing.

The building internals are now around 95% of the way through construction and the building is now watertight.

External landscaping will now be a key focus of the work for February and March, including integration into the rest of the campus outdoor areas.





ANCILLARY WORKS

Associated with the project are the following works:

1. Re-vamping of the Primary car park to increase the internal queueing length for drop off and pick up. This will also see a change to the entry point of the car park
2. Within the existing car park is the waste collection area. This is in the process of being relocated to the end of Morris Grove, adjacent to the Property site sheds
3. End-of-trip facilities (showers) that are required under our consent conditions to accommodate a future increase in bike access to the College.

Items 1 and 2 are being undertaken by a company called Ozzbuild Constructions. The works associated with item 3 are being undertaken by our own Property team. Unfortunately, the work on the Primary car park will have to extend into Term 1, however the drop off and pick up for Primary will still continue in this car park, but with no parking available.

FURNITURE, FITTINGS, IT EQUIPMENT AND AUDIO VISUAL

During December 2025 and January 2026, a substantial amount of furniture and equipment was ordered for the new building. Purchase orders for the remaining equipment will occur during February.



PROJECT COMPLETION

The building program remains on track, considering the number of wet-weather days that occurred throughout the project's life. The builder's contractual completion date is early April 2026.

Following that, the College IT and Property teams will determine the installation of furniture and equipment, as well as the connection of the security and access control systems required for the building to operate effectively.

Our expectation is that the building will be available for full occupancy for the commencement of Term 3, 2026 which was the original intended start date. For a project so large and obviously complex, it is very pleasing that we remain on time and within budget.

We look forward to students and staff being able to fully enjoy this new building, and thank God for His goodness in sustaining the project personnel and for the safety of all persons involved.

David Jennings – Acting Business Manager

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