

MASTER PLAN

COMMUNITY UPDATE | February 2020



WHAT'S IN THIS UPDATE

Reflecting on significant progress in 2019 and a revised commencement date for occupying the building in 2020.

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MASTER PLAN PROGRESS

David Jennings - Business Manager

As we commence another school year, it is time to be thankful; to reflect upon God's provisions to the College during 2019 and look forward to His continued care for us during 2020.

It is also time to specifically reflect on the significant progress that has occurred with the construction of The Branwhite Centre during 2019. We also give thanks to God for the opportunities this building will provide for current and future students of the College, and for the innovative teaching and learning that will take place.

We thank God for all the people who have been involved in the planning, design, monitoring and managing of this project. We thank God for the building company, Rohrig and their employees and sub-contractors, who will undoubtedly deliver a wonderful building for us.

As a reminder to our community and as information for our new starters, this project is the first new building arising from the revised College Master Plan. This project was two years in development and included input from over 35 staff members during the design process, with review and endorsement from industry educational experts via the NSW Association of Independent Schools and international experts.

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are being supported by a Government capital grant of \$6,000,000 in total over two years. The building provides replacement areas for aging infrastructure and additional learning spaces for growth.

Overall, on this project, there have been 35 days of delays due to wet weather and supply issues and whilst the building company has been trying to catch up time, only a small amount of this time has been able to be recouped. Traditionally, the sector slows down over Christmas and this has also impacted timing. The building's internal works are now expected to be completed in late February 2020. The supplier delays in respect to the external façade product of the building have resulted in a delay in completion of the external facade which is now expected in March 2020.

Externally to the building, most of the pedestrian area earthworks have been completed to final levels in readiness for the final external concrete and other surfaces. Gardens and other landscape features will take shape throughout the coming weeks.

There is significant work for the College to do after the builder reaches lock-up stage. The College's own sub-contractors will be finishing off all security, data and electrical systems as well as the fit-out of furniture, fittings and equipment (FFE). A number of FFE orders have been placed already and the remainder will be placed in the coming weeks.

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We look forward to updating our community further as The Branwhite Centre progresses in Term 1.

David Jennings
Business Manager

