

MASTER PLAN

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WHAT'S IN THIS UPDATE

The Primary construction project was delayed for 9 weeks due to COVID-19. However, construction has recommenced.

An extensive Traffic Management Plan is underway for the future.

The Concept Design planning phase for the third building of the current Master Plan has commenced – being provisionally called the Campus Heart Project.

PRIMARY PROJECT, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & THE CAMPUS HEART

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Primary Project

The Primary Project, which consists of the in-fill section on the eastern side of the K to 6 Hall, the enclosure of a section of the top floor balcony, refurbishment of two classrooms and some external landscaping works, commenced in February 2021 with Rohrig Construction undertaking the building works.

Up until the end of June, the project was progressing smoothly. Then of course, COVID restrictions hit and have impacted the progress of this project for the last 9 weeks. Work is again occurring back onsite in accordance with the revised COVID protocols for construction sites.

Thankfully, we have time at the end of this project, even with the delays, to be ready for occupancy at the commencement of the 2022 school year. The process of acquiring furniture for the additional rooms has commenced.

Landscape gardening will also soften the front façade of the building and we will see the return of the sand pit. The pedestrian transition to the K to 6 Hall will also be greatly improved.

We are thankful for our architects, consultants and builders who have been working collaboratively with us to deliver this project.

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Traffic Management Plan

Currently we are working on an extensive Traffic Management Plan for the future. This plan will take a couple of years to resolve as it will require complex negotiations with Transport for NSW and The Hills Shire Council, given that the main thoroughfare to/from the College is via the Green Road/Wrights Road intersection.

We are exploring, as one of the measures, an alternate access to Morris Grove from along Green Road that would see less congestion overall and would improve the level of service at the Wrights Road/Green Road intersection both in the morning and afternoon school peak.

Site Master Plan

We have been continuing to evolve the Master Plan of the site. Following the 2020 completion of the Branwhite Centre project and the intended 2021 completion of the Primary Project, we have also commenced the Concept Design planning phase for the third building of the current Master Plan – being provisionally called the Campus Heart Project.

This building will replace the outdated old Science and TAS buildings which are orientated north/south through the centre of the College campus.

The Campus Heart building is envisaged to be a three-storey complex which will be designed as a modern teaching facility in a similar vein to the Branwhite Centre. The ground level at the oval end is likely to consist of the food service areas, incorporating a more modern canteen and cafeteria. The Library will form a central part of the new building (being relocated from its current location) and will become the link between Primary and Secondary teaching spaces. The building will include staff spaces and a large multi-purpose area that will lend itself to conference and professional development delivery and/or become an examination centre.

We are currently planning for construction to commence in the second half of 2024 and continue through until the end of 2025, with occupancy commencing in the 2026 school year.

Please continue to pray for the safety of the work we are doing and wisdom in planning the development of the campus and negotiations in respect to the transport matters.

David Jennings

