

# MASTER PLAN

COMMUNITY UPDATE | February 2022



## WHAT'S IN THIS UPDATE

Where we started, where we are now and what's ahead.



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## A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

David Jennings – Business Manager

The Branwhite Centre building was completed in 2020. This construction represented the first project contained within the College's updated Master Plan, shared with parents in June 2018. The construction of The Branwhite Centre represented the start of our journey to develop facilities for our move to a four-stream Primary and eight-stream Secondary College.

In 2021, we undertook the second building project under our Master Plan. In seeking to advance learning in our Primary School and accommodate a four-stream Primary School, this project has:

1. refurbished two rooms for Kindergarten,
2. remodelled the Primary School balcony area to create a dedicated Primary Music room,
3. designed and built a new building which now accommodates six large classroom spaces and connects the existing primary classrooms with the K-6 Hall.

### **The Bryson Building**

In the second half of 2021, we began planning and design work for the third project in the Master Plan. This third stage has been called The Bryson Building Project and is named after the foundation Head of William Clarke College, Mr Philip Bryson. In linking the building name with our early years, The Bryson Building will recognise the pioneering efforts of Philip and importantly, act as a reminder of our humble beginnings. In this way, The Bryson Building will always stand as a testament to God's goodness towards our community over so many years.

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### **What will The Bryson Building contain?**

This new resource will replace some existing aged structures as well as respond to the continuing needs of the College for modern and fit-for-purpose facilities that support extraordinary learning for our students. Although the detailed plans are still to be finalised over the coming months, it is envisaged that The Bryson Building will contain:

- A revamped Canteen and Café area with indoor and outdoor eating options
- A modern Library for Primary School
- A modern Research Centre (Library) for Secondary
- Classrooms and breakout spaces for Secondary
- Classrooms and breakout spaces for Years 5 and 6 including flexible ‘Makerspace’ areas
- Study spaces for students
- Staff Faculty areas and other staff facilities
- Seminar rooms, meeting rooms and a large open room for examinations, professional learning and a variety of other purposes
- Toilets and other building services.

The current location of the Library will then be repurposed for classrooms, faculty and senior staff offices.

### **Consultation**

A series of internal consultations have been undertaken by our Project Working Group in association with leading educational architects PMDL. These Working Group meetings will continue on a fortnightly basis this term until we are at a point to interact more broadly with all staff and College parents.

When we have a design that is more advanced, we envisage providing our community with a greater opportunity to interact with this project. Importantly, as we continue to develop our understanding of our First Nations people through our Darug Language and Culture Program, we will also be consulting our local indigenous community as a vital step in this project.

The key consultant area that will involve significant engagement is that of traffic and working with Transport for NSW and The Hills Shire Council to review and manage the traffic impacts of development. That piece of work is not easy and will involve a range of solutions to eventually reduce car movements around the College at the peak drop off and pick up times. More information on this will be provided at a later date.

### **Conclusion**

In January 2022, the College submitted the early design and consultant work with the State Government (Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Report or SEARs). This is the first step in the eventual submission of a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) which will also include other future components of the Master Plan. Collectively, these will see an investment by the College of around \$60m over the next 10 years and this process represents the planning pathway that is required for developments of this nature. Our goal is to lodge the SSSDA during Term 2, 2022.

There is still much to do. We are hoping to commence construction of The Bryson Building in the first part of the 2024 school year. The construction period would be around 18-20 months, with occupancy expected early 2026.

Please continue to pray for the College as we embark on this project.



**Top two rows:** Primary School project completed early 2022, including new classrooms, an enclosed terrace area, renovation work to a number of existing classrooms and aesthical changes to the playground. **Bottom left:** The Branwhite Centre, completed in 2020, a state of the art Secondary School facility that caters for the delivery of Science, Technology and Applied Studies, Visual Arts and Maths subjects. **Bottom right:** a snapshot in time of the College grounds, early 2022.