

COMMUNITY UPDATE | April 2023



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### **PREPARATION WORKS FOR THE NEXT PHASE**

David Jennings - Chief Operating Officer

Over the past six months, we have focused on a variety of projects that will allow us to operate while The Bryson Building project is being undertaken.

As you may be aware, there are two buildings that will be demolished to make way for the new Bryson Building. These buildings are still operational, and we need to be able to replace the functionality of them. In addition, there are IT and other services that exist within what will be the construction zone.

The works that have commenced have been:

- Establishing a new IT Infrastructure room for re-routing the existing IT services. The room is complete and ready for re-routing the services
- Establishing eight new demountable classrooms in behind the existing PDHPE classrooms beside the Sports Centre. The external cladding of these structures matches the Sports Centre. The project includes covered verandas, access ramps and safety fencing. The classrooms themselves will have the same IT infrastructure as other rooms in the College, along with air conditioning and new furniture. The classrooms are in the process of being occupied in Term 1
- We are close to obtaining a Complying Development Certificate for the construction of a new learning facility at the rear of The Branwhite Centre. Industrial Technology, Vehicles and Automotive and Visual Arts will use this facility. We expect to commence construction around Easter and the school holidays. The new facility will be available towards the end of 2023
- As a result of the above items, the Basketball courts at the rear of The Branwhite Centre will be subsumed. We are refreshing the Basketball court area at the north end of the main oval as the replacement facility for recreational play.

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#### **The Bryson Building**

The planning for this project is progressing. The State Significant Development Application (SSDA) was lodged in 2022 and since then, we have been engaging with the Department of Planning and other authorities towards obtaining a development consent.

The public advertising of the project opened in November 2022 and closed around 6 December 2022. The Department of Planning then issued a Response to Submissions (RtS) to the College. We are in the process of responding to the issues raised by the Department of Planning.

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We expect to provide our responses on the RtS to the Department of Planning over the coming weeks. The Department has not provided details as yet as to when the draft Development Consent will be issued, however we expect it will not be before the end of May 2023.

Once Development Consent is issued, College Council will meet to consider the next steps. There are two key matters for Council to cover off before proceeding. The first is a detailed review of the consent conditions to determine if they are acceptable to the College or require further interaction with the Department of Planning. The second is to consider the status of the project arising from up-to-date Quantity Surveyor estimates of cost, and establish future targeted timelines, given the considerable rise in building costs over the past 12 months or so.

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Please continue to pray for College Council and the team of staff and consultants working on this project. It is a long and complex process with many hoops to jump through.



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