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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Overnewton Anglican Community College Master Plan

Building works update

It is hard to believe that it has been just over 12 months since we announced our new Master Plan. How incredibly busy and productive those 12 months have been.

Much work has gone on behind the scenes to bring our hopes and dreams for the College to fruition. With many large-scale infrastructure developments set for construction, detailed planning is paramount.

I am very pleased to announce that the project is well on track for a 2020 project completion date to ensure a smooth transition for the beginning of the 2021 academic school year. As we move from the planning phase into the construction phase of the project, we will now begin to see some exciting signs of progress at site level.

Junior School building works update, Taylors Lakes Campus:

- The plans have been reviewed and approved by the College Board and Brimbank Council.
- The College went to tender on May 29 with six shortlisted builders. Assuming the tender goes to plan, the contract will be awarded to a builder on August 21.
- All portables on the Taylors Creek boundary fence line will be removed during the coming three-week break.
- Construction of the new Prep-Year 2 building is due to commence at the end of August with construction completed during Term 4, 2020, ready for the commencement of the 2021 school year.
- The current Middle School building will commence renovation works to become the new Year 3 - 4 Junior School over the course of 2020.
- You can view an animated fly through of the new Taylors Lakes Junior School Building by visiting the video gallery section of our website.

Middle School building works update, Keilor Campus:

- The Middle School Building designs were approved by the College Board at its annual planning retreat on May 25 and will now be developed for tendering.
- It is planned for the College to go to tender for the New Middle School Building in October of this year with the building contract to be awarded in December.
- Construction is due to commence in February 2020.
- Construction is scheduled to be completed by late Term 4 2020, ready for the beginning of the 2021 academic school year.

General Updates

The following information should be helpful for families as they prepare for the changes that will commence at the beginning of 2021:

➤ **Inter-campus Bus Service**

- When the College transitions in 2021 - The College is committed to providing a free intercampus supervised bus service. Families will be able to drop their children off at one campus and have those learning on the other campus be bused to that campus.
- Timing for the intercampus buses will be carefully managed to make transport logistics as convenient as possible for families.
- In Term 2 2020, a registration of interest for the intercampus bus service will be sent out to families to capture the demand for the buses. This will ensure that the College will adequately fulfill the needs of all families that will require the use of the service.

➤ **Out of School Hours Care**

- The College will continue to provide Out of School Hours Care at both campuses
- Parents will have the flexibility to decide what campus they would like their child to attend OOSHC
- An OOSHC team member will escort the students onto and off the intercampus bus.

➤ **Impact of construction work on students:**

- Children are always at the beginning and centre of every decision. Therefore, the Master Plan staging is designed to have minimal impact on student learning
- New buildings will be constructed first and then existing buildings can be removed or refurbished. This ensures that learning continues as normal in existing learning areas until new spaces are available.
- During construction, all building sites are fully fenced and no member of the college community will have access to those sites unless accompanied by the builder.
- The builders on site have their own bathroom and lunchroom facilities; they do not use college bathrooms, staff facilities or canteens.
- All workers are to undergo an induction into the appropriate behaviours when working on a school site; this includes an understanding of the new child safe guidelines, language, expected dress and possession of a Working with Children Check.
- Heavy vehicles are not allowed to access the property during the busy times of drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon.
- Our experience shows us that children (and adults) love watching a building rise from the ground and grow to completion. The construction of our new buildings will be a wonderful learning opportunity as they occur.

➤ **Impact of renovation work on students:**

- The renovation of the Keilor Campus Junior School, which is to become the new Year 5-8 building will occur only during school holidays and will not impact the learning of Junior School students during that time.
- Likewise, renovation of the Taylors Lakes Campus Middle School to become the new Year 3-4 building, will also occur only during the school holidays and will not impact on Taylors Lakes Campus Middle School students.
- The College has formed a **Parents Logistics Committee** which has been meeting to discuss the details of the transition from a family perspective.
- In the coming weeks all families will be requested to fill out a Parent Survey to raise any specific thoughts or considerations regarding the Master Plan.

Final Thoughts

Students are at the beginning and centre of all decisions made for the College. There is an exciting future ahead for the College as Overnewton's two Junior Schools combine into one at the Taylors Lakes Campus, and the two Middle Schools become one on the Keilor Campus. This consolidation is a natural extension of our 2017 Strategic Plan, 'Taking the Alpha Generation to Excellence'.

The Master Plan has been adopted by the College Board after careful consideration of all factors, including advice from education and financial experts.

The Master Plan aims to deliver

- Better Education
- Better Facilities
- Age-appropriate, Purpose-built Spaces
- Exciting New and Well-Resourced Programs

We look forward to sharing this new journey together with our current and future generations of Overnewton families.

If you have any further questions or feedback please contact the College's Master Plan team by emailing: Masterplan@overnewton.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

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