

Likewise, opening up the middle years curriculum to food studies meant that we would be building new hospitality centres on both campuses at the same time. Anyone in the hospitality industry will know that such facilities are costly and require a lot of space.

Additionally, the need for performing arts facilities at Taylors Lakes Campus to match the quality of the ones at Keilor Campus, the provision of early years learning for both campuses and STEM Centres for both campuses, were adding to the priority list.

I remember that one of the questions I was asked by Board members early on in my time as Principal was why we kept our current six school structure – that is two Junior Schools, two Middle Schools, Canowindra and Senior School. “Surely it was a costly and time-consuming model?” was the general question.

The new land at Keilor Campus had meant that providing the same opportunities for students regardless of the campus, not to mention the pressure on the budget for replicating facilities, was no longer as straight forward as it had been. This kept being confirmed in the master planning forums with parents, staff and students, as well as the planning that was being undertaken by our new architects.

The final piece of the puzzle came when we received notification that it would be possible to work within the significant constraints of the current Keilor Campus Master Plan, a plan that can be changed only with an act of parliament, that we knew we could finish off the final stages of the planning that would be necessary.

The future for Overnewton College is one that sees our two Junior Schools united together as one at Taylors Lakes Campus, and our two Middle Schools united together as one at Keilor Campus. All students will enter Overnewton at Prep at Taylors Lakes Campus in our Reggio Emilia-inspired, purpose built Junior School and then move to Keilor Campus to begin their middle years journey, in a wonderful new purpose built Middle School.

To reflect this exciting new direction, we will be renaming our campuses.

Since 1998, the Aboriginal name Canowindra meaning ‘a home or meeting point’ has been synonymous with the Year 9 Centre. As the newly developed Junior School will become the meeting

point for students joining the College, the entire campus will adopt that name.

The College Vision Statement ‘a community of learners, embracing the future’ is reflected in the new name of our Keilor Campus: Yirramboi. In the shared languages of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri peoples of the Kulin Nations, Yirramboi meaning ‘tomorrow / the future’.

Overnewton College, Canowindra Campus will provide a secure and stable learning environment for our youngest students, while the Yirramboi Campus will be a place where excellent education provides the pathway for older students toward a successful future.

*Jim Laussen  
Principal*



**A** New Middle School building constructed **B** Existing Junior School buildings renovated and refurbished for new Middle School **C** Removal of existing relocatables **D** Convert existing Science lab into a new Food Technology Centre **E** College Garden-Farm **F** New Visual Arts Centre, Science and Gym Pavillion **G** Convert old Visual Arts Centre to new Administration Centre **H** Convert existing Admin Building to Community Facility **I** Redevelop Senior School Classrooms (North East Wing) **J** Performing Arts Auditorium **K** Year 9 Centre **L** New College Restaurant **M** Creation of new Car Park **N** Remove old Car Park **O** New Bus Loop



**A** New Junior School building constructed – Prep to Year 2 **B** Existing Middle School buildings renovated and refurbished for new Junior School – Year 3 to Year 4 **C** Library converted to Early Learning Centre **D** New landscaping and playgrounds **E** New Administration complex and Performing Arts/Music Centre **F** Existing Gymnasium **G** Existing Year 9 Centre