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Master Plan Update - 19 November 2020

Junior School building works update, Taylors Lakes Campus

The College is delighted to announce that today we were handed the keys to our long-awaited, new purpose-built Prep - Year 2 building at our Taylors Lakes Campus. This is an outstanding achievement given the unforeseen challenges that severely impacted the building and construction industry during the Coronavirus pandemic. To have completed a large-scale infrastructure development under such unusual conditions whilst delivering the project on time and on budget is an incredible feat and a testament to the diligent work and strategic planning of both our builders and the College's Board and Capital Projects' Committee.

Over the Christmas break, the following works on the Taylors Lakes Campus will be completed:

- Demolition of the existing Junior School relocatable courtyard buildings. (This includes all Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 portables, the Mini Chapel and the Canteen.)
- The Library building is being repurposed and refurbished to become a Wellness Centre where First Aid, Student Services and the Mini Chapel will be located. The central space will form a welcoming community hub.
- The current Taylors Lakes Campus Middle School IT Laboratory will be repurposed as a Resource Library Centre which will utilise shelving from the Keilor Campus Junior School Library, along with new furnishing which will provide all Junior School students with a welcoming environment to continue their love of books and reading.
- Landscaping of all grounds will take place, as will the installation of playground equipment.
- Refurbishment of all Taylors Lakes Middle School buildings to ensure they are refreshed and fit for purpose for Year 3 & 4 classes. All locker bays will be repurposed as additional learning spaces, which includes enclosing the ceilings and replacing the louvres with windows.
- The Canteen will be relocated to the corner of the Visual Arts building. This significant work is expected to be completed in early 2021.

You can view an animated fly through of the new Taylors Lakes Campus Prep - 2 Building by visiting the Master Plan section of our website.

Middle School building works update, Keilor Campus

As work continues at great pace in the construction phase of this Middle School project, we can see signs of excellent progress at site level.

The new Middle School building should be at lock up stage by Christmas 2020 and construction will continue into Term 1 2021. Whilst it is unfortunate that the building will not be ready for our Year 6 & 7 students for the commencement of the 2021 academic year, incredible planning and commitment by our builder has meant that delays due to the shutdown of the building and construction industry as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic have been minimised. Clearly, this means that the Year 6 & 7 students will commence their 2021 classes in the existing Middle School facilities on the Keilor Campus.

Over the Christmas break, the Year 5 & 8 building (currently the Junior School) will be refreshed and refurbished with brand new furniture suitable for Middle School Students. These works will be completed for the start of the 2021 academic year.

You can view an animated fly through of the new Keilor Campus Middle School Building by visiting the Master Plan section of our website.

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**

From Term 1 2021, Middle and Junior School families will be able to make use of a free inter-campus bus service. Timing for the intercampus buses will be carefully managed to make transport logistics as convenient as possible for families. Click [here](#) to register your interest for the intercampus bus service. This registration form must be submitted for each child in your family that requires this service. This will ensure that the College can adequately fulfil the needs of all families requiring use of this service. If you have any questions regarding inter-campus bus services please email masterplan@overnewton.vic.edu.au

➤ **Out of School Hours Care**

We will continue to provide Out of School Hours Care at both campuses via our partner Big Childcare. Parents will have the flexibility to decide which campus they would like their child to attend. An OSHC team member will be available to escort the students onto and off the intercampus bus.

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 (to be called the Canowindra Campus), and the two Middle Schools become one on the Keilor Campus (to be called the Yirramboi 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 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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