



Taking the Alpha Generation to
Excellence: A Master Plan



Our Master Plan

In an exciting development, Overnewton Anglican Community College is moving into the future with a new Master Plan that covers both of its campuses.

Students are at the beginning and centre of all decisions made for the College.

Therefore, from 2020, Overnewton's two Junior Schools will be combined into one at the Taylors Lakes Campus, and the two Middle Schools will become one on the Keilor Campus.

The consolidation is an 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.

Class sizes will remain the same, and Overnewton is focussed on an even greater sense of 'being, belonging, becoming'.

The Master Plan aims to deliver

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





What's in a Name?

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

Since 1998, the name **Canowindra** meaning 'a home or meeting point' has been synonymous with the Year Nine 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** means: 'tomorrow/the future'.

Overnewton College, Canowindra Campus will provide a stable learning environment for young students.

Overnewton College, Yirramboi Campus will be a place where good education provides the pathway for older students toward a successful future.

We know that families choose to send their children to the College because of our strong inclusive community.

Inclusivity means that people of all nationalities, cultures, religions, the gender and sexually diverse, the introverted, the extroverted and our first people all are treated as equals and all can safely and fairly access a good education.

The College name **Overnewton** reflects settlement by the Taylors Family as squatters and the Anglo-European history of this area.

Yirramboi and **Canowindra** will help us to acknowledge our connection with the indigenous history of this land. These campus names reflect the reality that we are a community that embraces diversity and the richness of culture and language that comes with it.



OVERNEWTON
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Senior School and Middle School
Yirramboi Campus
2-50 Overnewton Road Keilor 3036

Junior School and Year 9 Centre
Canowindra Campus
39-57 Robertsons Road Taylors Lakes 3038



Setting the Foundations

Our brand-new Junior School is set to become the star in Melbourne's north west!

This totally revamped campus will set the foundations for Overnewton's youngest students, supported by experts in early education, all at the one location.

Portable classrooms will be replaced with architecturally designed, spacious, light-filled modern buildings. Current Middle School facilities will be renovated and refurbished to modern education design criteria, meeting the requirements of our Junior School students.

Prep to Year 4 students will thrive in classrooms equipped with state-of-the-art teaching technologies and ergonomic furnishings. Play areas will be tailored to their needs and designed to stimulate their minds in an environment dedicated solely to them.

Students will now have equal access to resources and facilities, and the entire Junior School teaching staff all in one location.

We will pique their interest and fuel their curiosity in an age-appropriate environment.

And yes, class sizes will remain the same.



Canowindra Campus Master Plan

- 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

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Maximising our Assets

A combined Middle School complex will be created on the Keilor grounds, providing greater access to a wealth of existing and new resources.

The current Junior School building will be renovated and refurbished to meet the requirements of a modern Middle School learning environment, as well as building a new facility adjacent, to cater for Year 5 to Year 8 students. The old Middle School portables on this campus will be removed.

These state-of-the-art facilities will be home to exciting, new, future-focussed programs for our Middle School students and will provide a more rewarding experience for the teachers who strive to make a difference in their students' lives.

Situated close to our newly acquired land, the Middle School will be connected to the planned garden-farms that will complement our new food technology programs.

All Middle School students will share specialised College resources with Senior School students, such as advanced science laboratories, computer laboratories, and music, drama and sporting facilities, in order to enrich their learning.

Middle School students will be able to explore and excel on their own education pathway, and they'll all be able to look forward to an easier transition to Senior School on a familiar campus among familiar faces.



Yirramboi Campus Master Plan

- 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

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Exceptional Experiences

It's Overnewton's aim to continue to stand out for our academic excellence, providing rounded learning experiences, and producing global thinkers.

These new facilities and relocations lay the foundations for delivering our vision and goals today and well into the future. The Master Plan continues the amazing improvements that began with the construction of the Senior School, SPA Centre and Gymnasium.

We will also have the space and opportunities to create exciting new learning experiences and programs.

For example, we're introducing the highest quality Food Technology education for the Middle and Senior Schools, to develop important life skills and to experience a deeper understanding of food-related challenges. Our current 'Water Project' studies will be improved with the introduction of specialised equipment and technology.

With the improved usage of land available, we will also be able to introduce the planned new garden-farms at both campuses, to complement our new food technology programs and free up essential space for future needs as they arise.

Our 2030 Strategic Plan, released in 2017, recognised the importance of STEM education, and our science laboratories will be improved and customised on both campuses as part of the new construction.





Specialised Educators

Overnewton has always recognised the importance of employing the most dedicated educators, with an innate passion for teaching.

Indeed, our development strategies and enhanced learning programs are largely due to the input of our staff and their desire to improve their students' learning experience and academic success.

Just like the students, our teaching staff will thrive in these new places of learning we are creating.

They will enjoy more interaction and engagement with like-minded professionals. With the entire faculty being located at a single campus, they will be able to discuss and share information on curriculum, teaching programs and students easily.

Teachers will embrace the greater access and exposure to all students within their chosen School, not just those in their immediate care, and students will have improved access to their teachers.

Our educators will have the space and time for expert professional dialogue, working collaboratively with other staff and students on the best curriculum, pedagogy and assessment.

Our new learning environment will make Overnewton an even more attractive workplace for specialised educators and quality teaching staff.



Key Benefits Planning Community

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You've invested in your child's education and this consolidation will bring greater returns.

All students will study and learn in state-of-the-art facilities designed specifically for their needs.

All staff will work and interact on a daily basis within the precincts of their School.

All students will have access to identical resources.

Junior School students will thrive in their own dedicated learning environment.

Middle School students will gain access to greater shared facilities and will interact in sports, performing arts and other joint initiatives that involve Senior School students. The transition into Senior School will be easier, with the students having developed a familiarity with the campus.

Class sizes will remain the same.

Schools will have the space to expand as and when future needs dictate.

Pick-up and drop-off congestion will be reduced by better traffic flow design at each campus.

Running costs will be reduced, as the College will no longer have to duplicate facilities and resources across two campuses, helping to keep fees to a minimum.

Your child will be attending one of the premier educational facilities in the area.

Planning

Free student-only buses will run between the campuses to support student drop-offs and pick-ups.

Before and After School Care will be offered at both campuses.

Despite the campus changes, we will maintain teaching stability for students during the transition period. In particular, Year 9 students and their Centre will not be affected during the new building works.

While we expect minimal disruption during the construction period, we understand unforeseen issues can arise. We're seeking the continued support and enthusiasm of families and welcome your feedback during the transition to identify any problems and solutions.

Community

More information can be found on our website and it will be updated periodically with new information. Be sure to check out the Frequently Asked Questions. We will naturally keep the lines of communication open and update you with any important details as they become available.

We hope parents, teachers and students will be proud and excited that we've taken these bold, positive steps to lead the Alpha Generation to Excellence.

For more information and to follow the progress visit www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/master-plan





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