

CAPITAL WORKS COMMUNITY UPDATE – MAY 2017

We are pleased to share with you that our Capital Works Project has now gone out to tender, which means that in about 6 weeks we will have a builder announced, with an anticipated start to the project of the beginning of term 3.

Below is an update of the works that will be completed as part of the project.

1. NEW SENIOR BUILDING

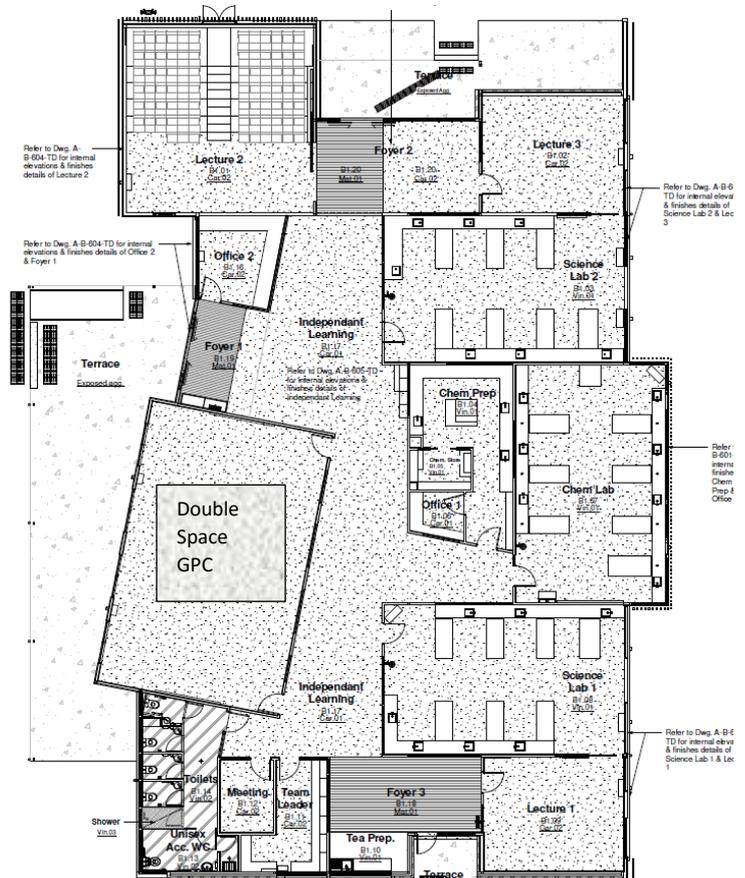
This building will run parallel to Gillies Street in the area now currently asphalted between the year 9 TLC and the North Wing. It will provide a home for our year 12 students and exciting new science and general learning spaces. The building will provide an attractive façade for the school onto Gillies Street and we're hopeful it will be completed in time for the 2018 school year.



External view from Gillies Street, northern end of senior building

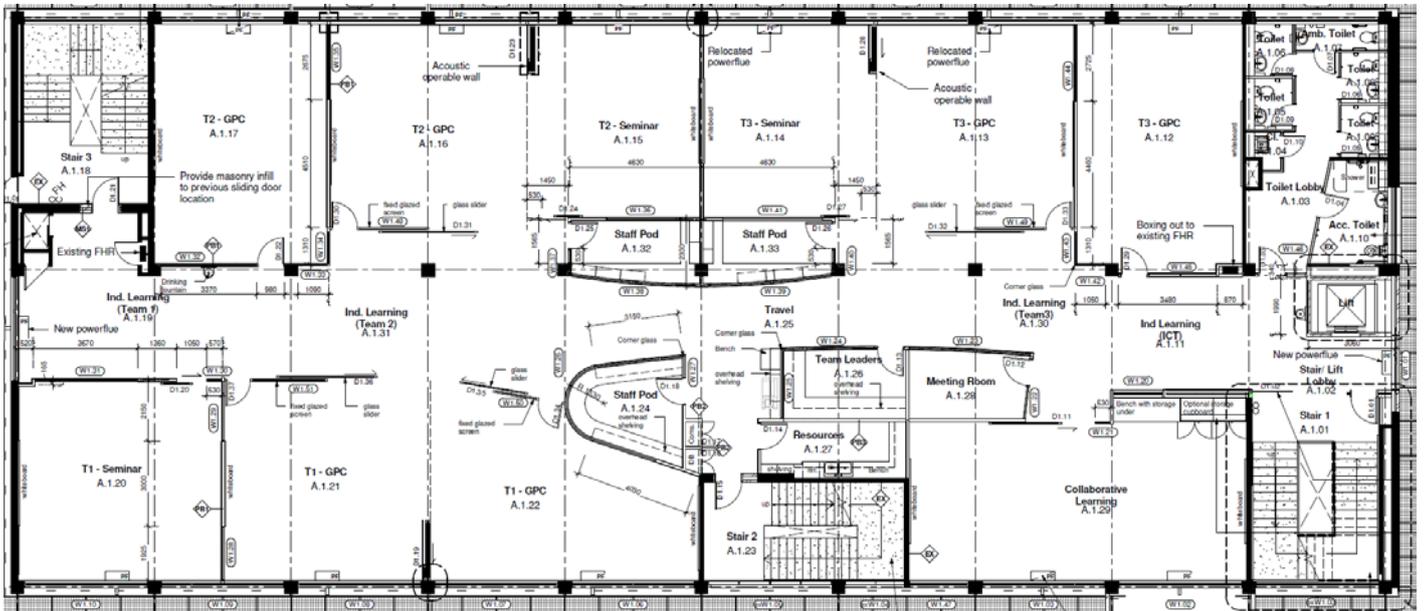
This is the floor plan for the senior building. It houses 3 science labs, 2 with mini lecture theatres attached. It also houses a double space general purpose classroom, as well as a lecture theatre which will fit 3 classes. There are student toilets, two staff offices and a meeting room.

This building will be the home for our year 12 students with the independent learning areas designed to allow for movement through the building but also for student lockers and small group/individual study areas. There is a tea prep area at the south end of the building for use by both students and staff and also a photocopier.



2. SHEEHAN WING REFURBISHMENT

The other major part of the project is the refurbishment of the top two floors of the J.J. Sheehan Wing. They will house our year 7 & 8 learning communities. The middle floor will house 3 teams, the top floor 2 teams and science facilities.



Above is the floor plan for the middle floor which houses 3 year 7/8 teams. Each team has the equivalent of 3 classroom spaces. One space has permanent walls. The other two spaces are divided by an operable wall in order to facilitate team teaching/use of bigger spaces.

All spaces are able to be fully divided off from the Independent Learning Areas by glass doors in order to ensure acoustic separation and lack of distraction from students who are working in those areas, or using them to travel to the toilets or drinking fountains. Toilets are fully self contained cubicles. Lockers will be in the independent learning areas.

There is also a double space Collaborative Learning Centre. Each Team area also has a staff pod attached to it and a Team Leaders' office is centrally located. A meeting room and resource room are included and a photocopier/printer will be housed outside the resource room for both student and staff use.

Most of the floor plan for the top floor is the same as the middle floor except for the integration of two science labs and a prep area in the space where T3 is on the middle floor. Only two year 7/8 teams are housed on the top floor.

3. ASBESTOS REMOVAL

It was always a priority in the project to remove the remaining asbestos in the school, although none of it has been judged a risk.

The 3 major areas where this is happening are:

1. The panels on the external walkways of the Sheehan Wing
2. The demolition of the old science building where the asbestos glue is holding on the pebble mix and
3. The removal of the asbestos glue and pebble mix from the back of the year 9 TLC and replacement with bricks.

The project also aims to remove the remaining small bits of asbestos around the school.

4. THE GYM

There are two major works planned for the gym.

1. Lining the double gym upper walls where there is exposed sisilation
2. Updating the single gym changerooms

5. COMPUTER LABS

With the refurbishment of the Sheehan Wing there was the need to fit out 2 new computer labs. Two rooms in the Administration building will be refitted to pick up those roles.

6. SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

Fire Services:

Our fire services are being upgraded as part of the project to support effective fire fighting for the new senior building and the rest of the site. We will have additional fire tanks and hydrants installed, as well as an upgrade to other fire infrastructure.

Old Science Building/ K Block Toilets:

At the end of the project we will also see the demolition of the existing Science Wing and also the K block toilets (the brick ones between the North Wing and the courtyard).

New services for Senior Building:

Because the new build needs to be connected into gas, sewer, power, water, security, network etc – we will see some works on other parts of those systems across the site to accommodate those changes.

7. TIMELINES

We should have a builder appointed, ready to start the project at the beginning of term 3. We are hopeful the senior building will be ready for the start of the 2018 school year. The Sheehan Wing top 2 floors will be out of action for most of 2018. While the Department of Education has a practical completion date for the project of January 2019 – we understand how timelines can slip in building projects as complex as this one.

We are now planning for the disruptions that the project will bring to our everyday school lives. Our most important priority is maintaining the safety of all people on site and ensuring that learning continues effectively.