

# FOOTSCRAY LEARNING PRECINCT

Delivering an iconic  
vision for education in  
the inner west



## Our vision for the precinct

The Footscray Learning Precinct is an iconic vision for education in the inner west, it will transform our community, it's not just about creating more places for students, it's about creating a world class learning environment that will provide the best opportunities for our children, and people at all stages of life.

During November 2016, the Victorian School Building Authority presented the community with a proposed concept for the precinct and asked for feedback. Hundreds of people completed the survey and attended information sessions throughout the month. The feedback helped finalise the feasibility study, which is on the VSBA website.

## The precinct will help deliver the Victorian Government's Education State reforms:

### Learning for life



More students achieving excellence in reading, maths, science, the arts and critical and creative thinking.

### Happy, healthy and resilient kids



Building the resilience of our children, and encouraging them to be more physically active

### Breaking the link



Ensuring more students stay in school, and breaking the link between disadvantage and outcomes for students

### Pride and confidence in our schools



Making sure every community has access to excellence, in every school and classroom

## What the precinct will offer

- A greater choice of education for families in the inner west
- A shared learning framework – consistent practice across the precinct – developing, using and sharing what works based on best-practice principles – so every learner achieves their potential
- A seamless education from early learning to adult education, using shared data to inform teaching and learning across all phases of education
- Offer a greater range and breadth of subjects across the campuses and use technology to develop specialist skills using a range of learning platforms
- Increased teacher collaboration across schools and a precinct-wide professional learning and development plan
- More students with the opportunity to study post-secondary education – by expanding links with local and other tertiary providers, including Victoria University
- Greater assistance for young people to prepare for future work – aligning skills and training with the future needs of industry and employers
- Enhanced partnerships with Maribyrnong City Council, Victoria University, other education providers, communities and businesses to increase services delivered at school and expand community use of facilities





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## Delivering the next stage

The Victorian Government supports the recommendations outlined in the feasibility study, and allocated \$10.6 million in the 2017-18 State Budget to deliver the next stage of the Footscray Learning Precinct.

We will master plan the entire precinct and deliver advanced designs for each site including the new school in Seddon.

Funding will also go towards redevelopment of Gilmore College for Girls and Footscray City Primary School.

We will also be talking to landowners about land acquisition for the new school at Pilgrim Street, Seddon.

## Shared learning framework, transition and governance

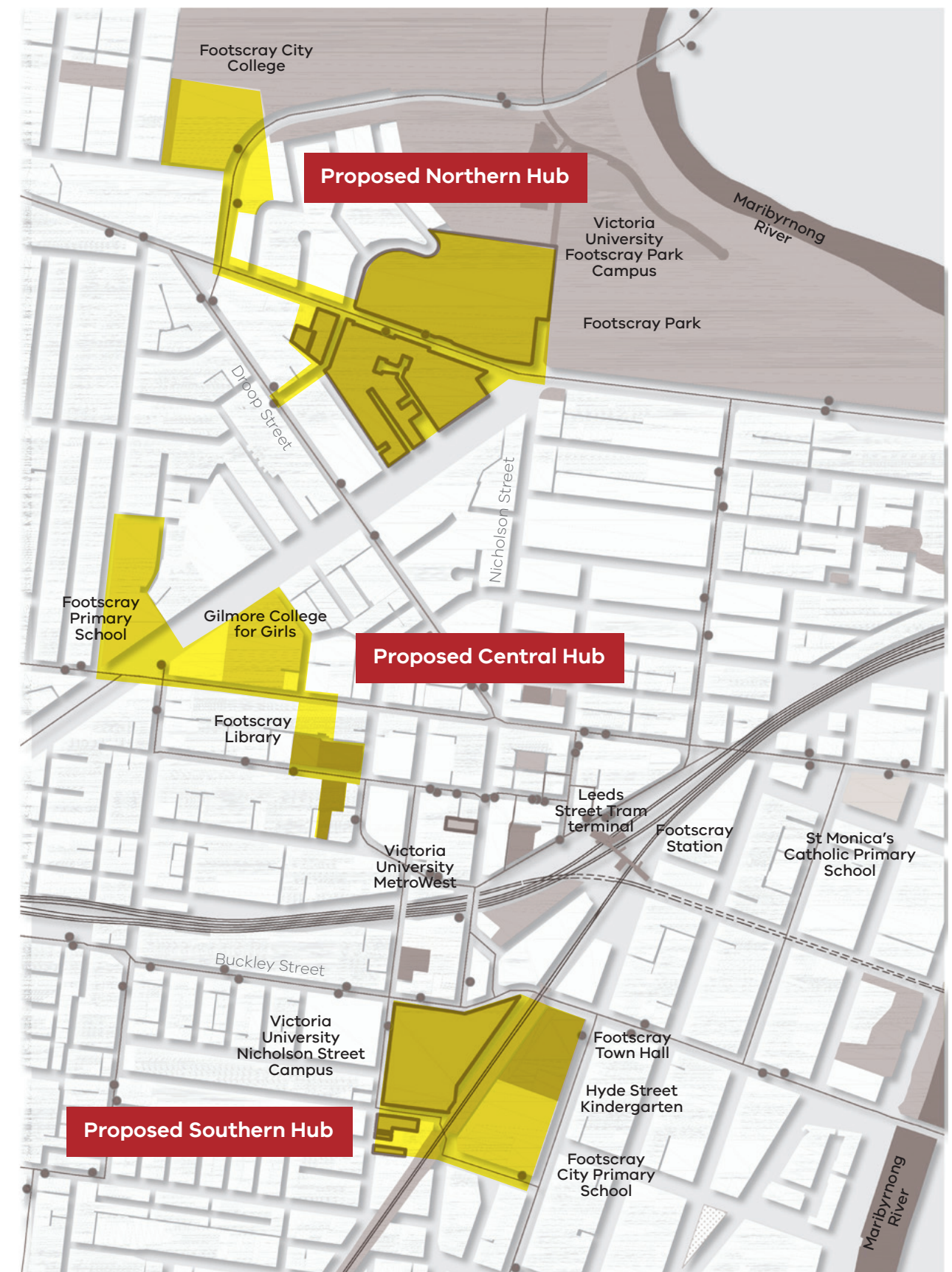
We will be developing the learning framework, curriculum and partnerships with community organisations including Maribyrnong City Council and Victoria University.

We will be developing a governance model that complements existing governance structures by bringing early learning, primary and secondary schools, council, higher education providers, local government and the community together to deliver on the vision of the Footscray Learning precinct.

A detailed transition arrangement will be developed to ensure students are supported and parents know what is happening at their local schools.

## Our vision for the precinct includes:

- a senior secondary campus at a refurbished Footscray City College to accommodate Years 10-12 and a nearby STEM Centre delivered in partnership with Victoria University
- a new junior secondary school campus in Seddon created by consolidating properties, with a vertical school at Pilgrim Street
- a new junior secondary school campus at a refurbished Gilmore College. The school will be reconfigured in the future to a co-educational school for Years 7-9, and develop closer links with Footscray Primary School.
- an upgrade at Footscray City Primary School to expand capacity including a new three-court indoor sports performance and recreation building, and an integrated early learning centre provided by Maribyrnong City Council.
- at its heart, the Footscray Learning Precinct is driven by a desire to harness the exceptional creative and intellectual vigour that exists within Melbourne's inner-west and embed it within an exciting vision for teaching and learning for children, young people and the broader community.



To demonstrate how our ideas could work in practice, we split the Precinct into three hubs — north, central and south.



## Master planning the precinct

We have appointed Hayball as the architects to develop the master plan and progress the precinct to advanced designs. The master plan will establish the vision for the school buildings, showing where they are located, their functions and how they will cater for future student needs. It will show the links between buildings on the site and how the school will work within its surroundings.

We will be working with parents, students, teachers and members of the community before designs are created, to better understand their needs, ideas and vision for the sites.

## Community engagement

The next stage of community engagement will focus on the the learning framework, transition arrangements, governance and master planning the sites.

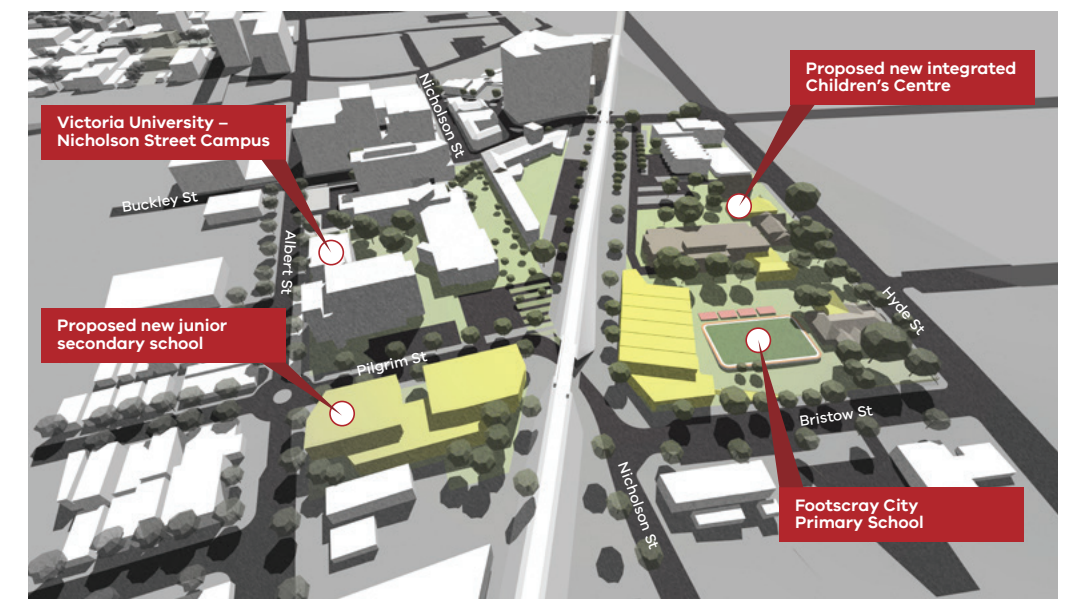
We will speak to parents and the community about what happens at the existing schools and involve them in developing the learning framework and governance for the precinct.

This community engagement will build on what we have been doing so far. In November 2016, we asked the community what they thought about the precinct. You can read the full report on our website.

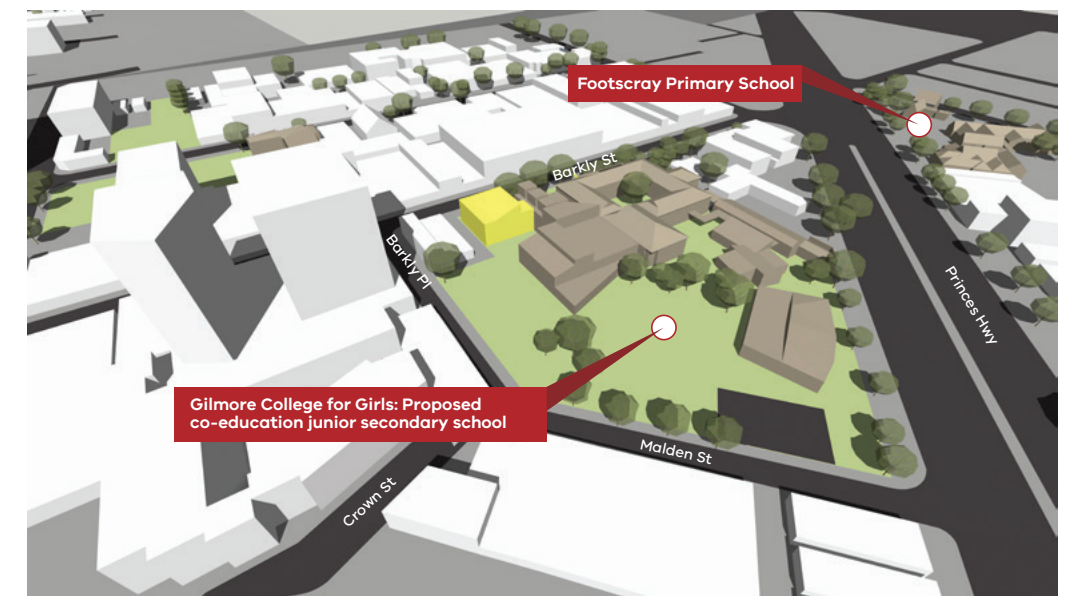
What you told us:

- There was a very high level of support for the proposed precinct
- The community would like to see an increase in secondary school places in the area as soon as possible.
- The community supported the proposed secondary school configuration. The community supported the proposed new junior secondary school, with many people happy to see the proposed site in Seddon.
- There is a high level of support for redeveloping Gilmore College for Girls as a co-educational school. The community would like to see a transition plan developed, and support offered to assist current students with any changes that affect them.
- There was a high level of support for a shared Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning Centre.
- As part of community engagement, a number of alternatives sites were suggested. We considered these, and tested some options as part of the feasibility.

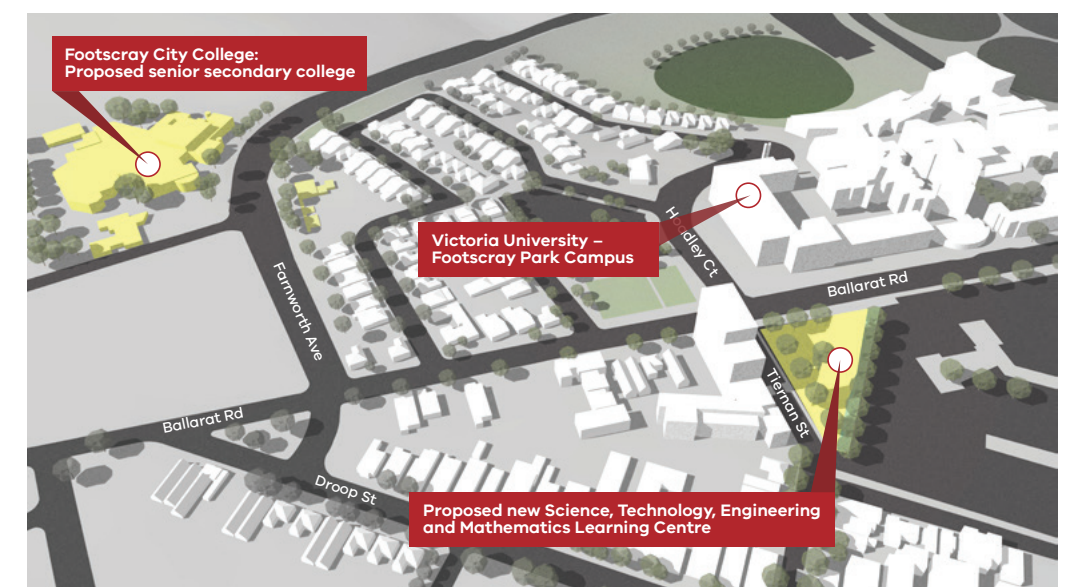
## Proposed Southern Hub



## Proposed Central Hub



## Proposed Northern Hub



## Indicative precinct timeline

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<b>JUNE 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pedagogy Working Group to refine education rationale of the shared learning network</li><li>• Establishment of Governance Working Group</li><li>• Strategic Advisory Group transitions into the learning precinct steering committee</li></ul>
<b>LATE JULY/AUG 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community engagement on the key aspects of the learning precinct including; learning framework, governance, transition arrangements and designs for the sites</li><li>• Community engagement report provided to architects, pedagogy working group and governance working group to ensure community concerns are fed into decision making</li></ul>
<b>OCT 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation and transition activity agreed with School Councils</li></ul>
<b>NOV 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master plan for the precinct released</li><li>• Community engagement report released</li></ul>
<b>DEC 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governance model for the precinct released</li><li>• Transition arrangement for the schools released</li><li>• Pedagogy Working Group releases instructional model</li></ul>
<b>JAN-DEC 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final designs for all sites released</li><li>• Notification of construction works</li></ul>
<b>JAN-DEC 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communication with parents and community on the transition</li><li>• Construction updates</li></ul>

## Find out more

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