



**ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD**

Chatswood Education Precinct

Building Project Update No: 1 February 2020

Welcome to the first of our new Building Program Updates as we embark on the development of the St Pius X College Chatswood Education Precinct.

This is an exciting time for the College as we share our proposed plans on developing the College site and facilities to ensure we continue to support our commitment to providing a holistic, innovative and liberating education for our students.

It is important that our campuses continue to develop in a manner that serves the need of our learning community; ensuring we are best able to provide contemporary teaching and learning experiences that are relevant, authentic and creative whilst staying true to our traditions of a proud Edmund Rice school.

The College Educational Brief

The College's Education Brief outlines the future needs of the College and how the land, buildings and the site can accommodate these needs.

At this stage the College has no plans to increase the number of students but is committed to improving current facilities and increasing the space available for general student learning.

Stage One - C Wing Refurbishment

The first stage of this ambitious new program has been the major upgrade of the C Wing block which took place over the summer holidays. Full details are outlined over the page and it is these open and flexible learning spaces that the College will carry through into the second stage of the building program for the Education Precinct.

Stage Two - The Learning Hub

The second stage includes the lodgement to Willoughby Council of a Development Application to build a new College Learning Hub comprising 8 new flexible classrooms on the College owned sites of 39-41 Anderson Street. Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) and the College Board support this application however, for it to go ahead it will require Council and other approvals.

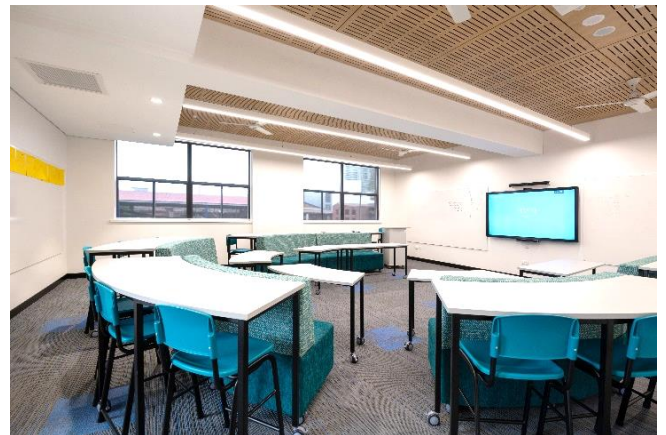
**Parent Presentation - Monday 2nd
March at 7.00 pm in C Wing**

Parents are invited to attend the P&F Meeting on Monday 2nd March at 7.00 pm in C Wing. Mr Couani will outline the proposed plans, answer questions and plans will be on display.

DEVELOPING SPACES AND PLACES TO LEARN IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Stage 1: Renovation of C Wing

C Wing which comprises 6 classrooms, a toilet block and maintenance facilities has been completely renovated during the summer holidays to provide light, space, air conditioning, environmental considerations and versatility. The major refurbishment reflects the latest research showing the value of dynamic, flexible spaces in promoting positive learning experiences.



The new tiered learning spaces allow for better viewing and the easy movement of desks.



Dynamic seating patterns with whiteboards and screens allow for flexible teaching.

Stage 2: Development Application for New Learning Hub at 39-41 Anderson Street

The College is proposing the development of a new vibrant Learning Hub located at 39-41 Anderson St adjacent to the current College campus. These two properties were acquired under Principal Brother Hoffman and have subsequently been leased.

The Learning Hub facility will provide for 8 new classrooms that can be used as flexible indoor and outdoor learning spaces

Project consultation with all relevant stakeholders including parents, teachers, residents and students is vital to the success of this project. The College Board and Staff have already been consulted in the planning process however, we would now like to invite parents to attend a special P&F Meeting on Monday March 2 where Mr Couani will outline the plans and provide opportunity for parents to view what is being planned and ask questions.



Street view of the proposed Learning Hub from Anderson St (west facing)

Proposed New Building Features

- The proposal is for general classrooms and not specialist areas as there is no parking or delivery capacity.
- The facility will span two levels and house 8 new classrooms that can be used as flexible indoor and outdoor learning spaces
- The spaces will be joined by a watertight covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- Include new staff collegial spaces
- Environmentally sustainable with a minimum 4 Star Green Star rating
- Stairwell to provide quick vertical transport. Lift and ramps for disabled access.
- Fully integrated into the College IT network
- The proposed building has been designed to fit in with the existing heritage area of the surrounding residential streets.

Funding

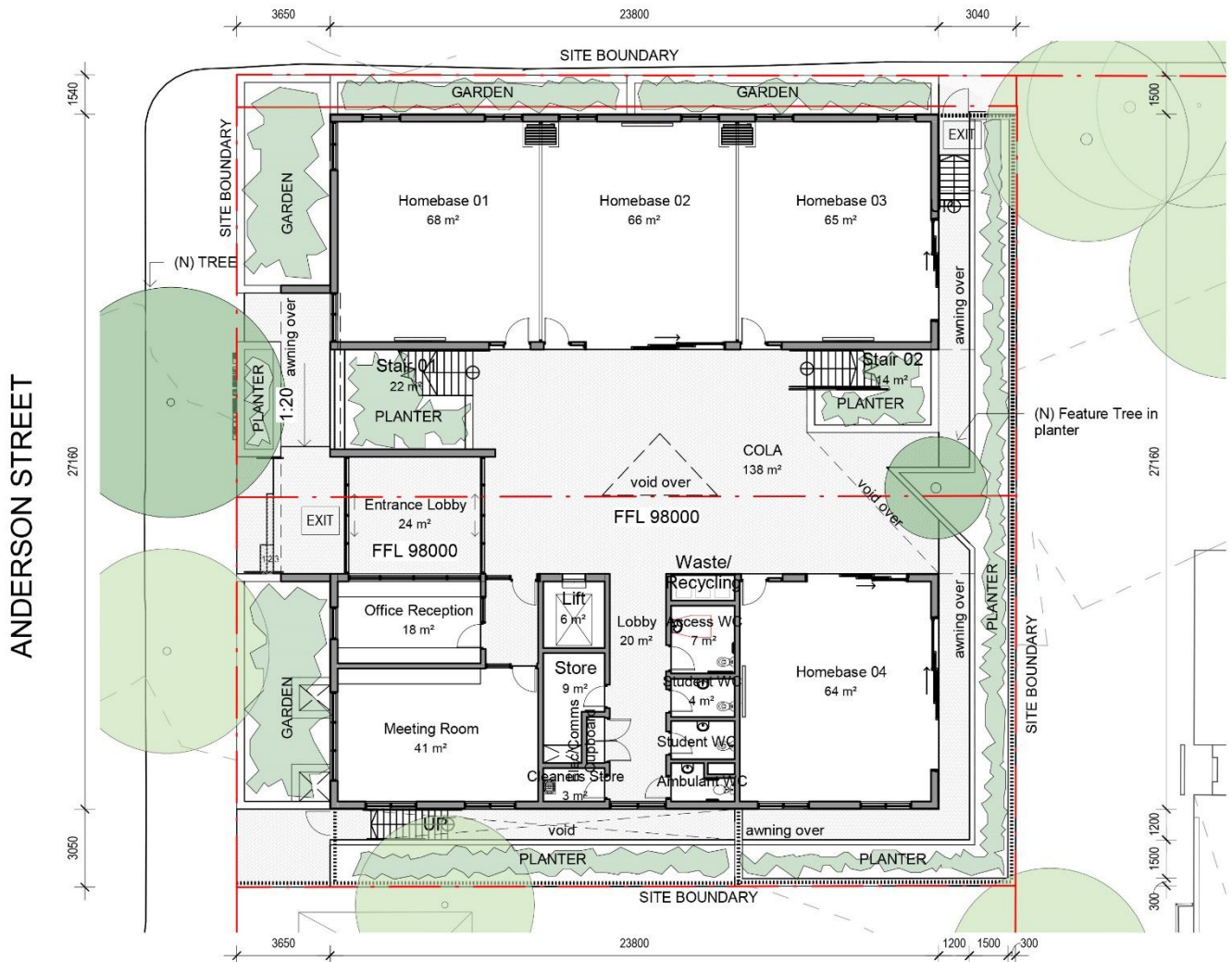
- This proposal will be funded by the College reserves, the Building Fund and fundraising for the building.
- It is estimated at a cost of approximately \$8m.



Aerial view of the College and proposed Learning Hub

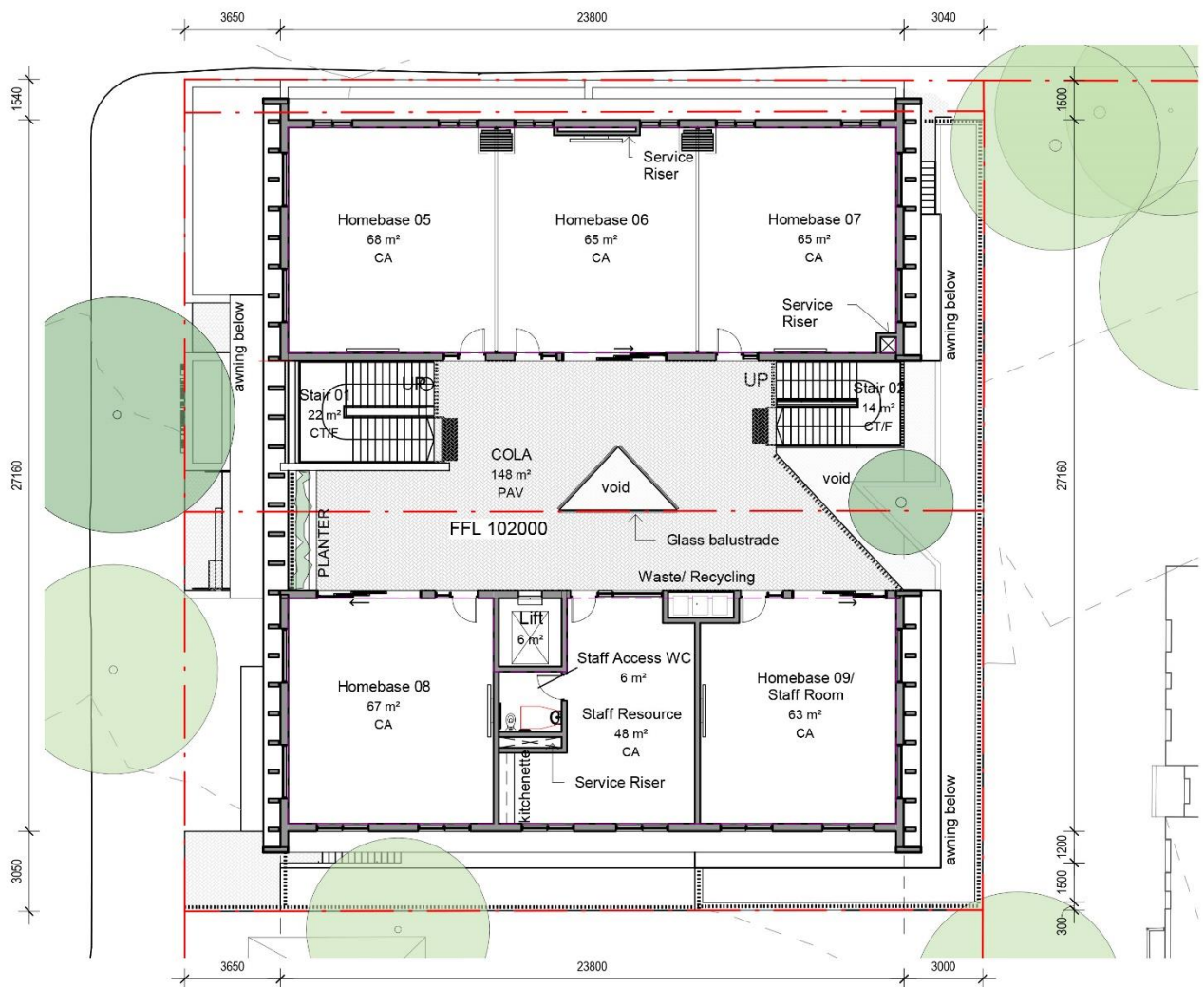
What is Planned?

- With approval from EREA the College is expected to lodge the Development Application (DA) to Willoughby Council late March 2020.
- Building may commence during 2021 subject to approvals with a desired opening date in 2022.
- **Parents are invited to attend the P&F Meeting Monday 2nd March at 7.30 pm in the new C Wing where Mr Couani will detail the proposed project, be available for questions and have plans on display.**
- Community Consultation is an important part of the planning and development process and email enquiries can be directed to Email: Buildingenquiries@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au attention Mr Nick Carson
- Questions and answers raised at the P&F meeting on the 2nd March will be published in the Woodchatta along with Building Programs Updates.

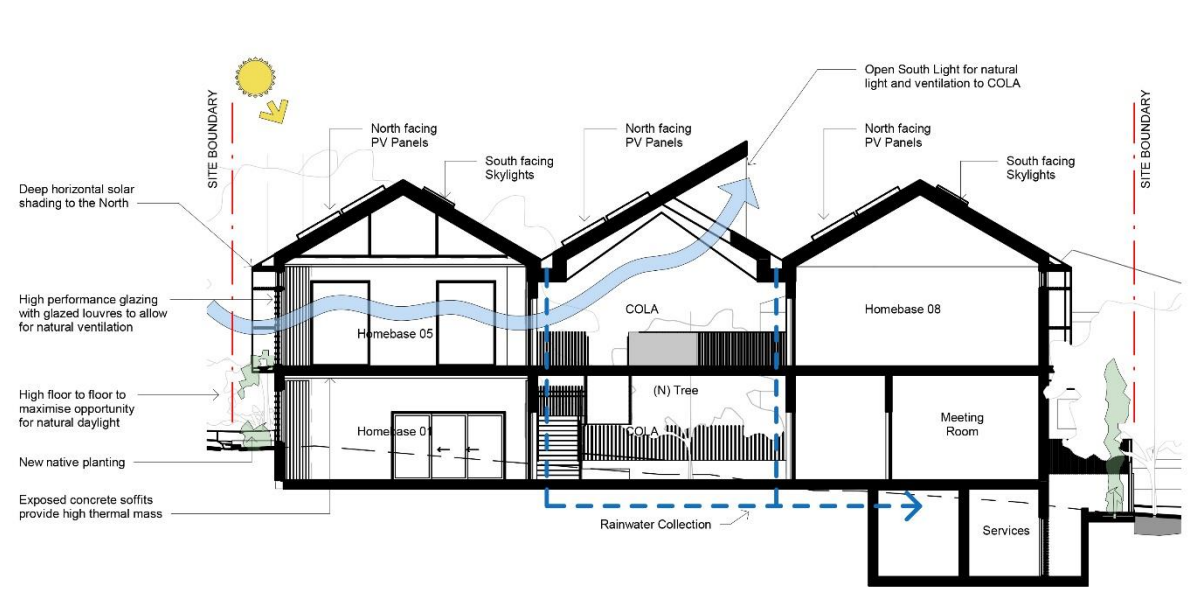


Ground Floor plan: Entry and reception area with 3-4 flexible classroom spaces

ANDERSON STREET



First Floor plan: 5 flexible classrooms, staff areas and a covered outdoor learning area (COLA)



Section View