



Footscray City College (FCC) input into the development of the Footscray Learning Precinct (FLP)

FCC welcomes the opportunity to provide input into this process.

FCC considers education to be at the heart of developing and maintaining a flourishing diverse community

FCC has a history and track record of success in promoting innovation, diversity and belonging within this community

FCC has a desire to enhance, even further, our capacity to engage all learners, expand their learning opportunities, and nurture innovation and resilience.

Overarching principles for FLP

FCC believes that the following key principles should be at the heart of the FLP

- Building from the strengths of the community and deepening relations between community and learning
- Looking to the future whilst respecting history and past experience
- Approaching community consultation, engagement and development of the FLP in an ethical manner
- Fostering of an inclusive community
- Enhancing utilisation of what currently exists
- Development of shared spaces for learning and for community engagement

Curriculum, Teaching & Learning - what we want to continue with and enhance

FCC aims to build on progress made to date in the following

- Pursuit of high levels of academic progress accomplished through a focus on optimising the learning growth of every student
- An evidence-based model of classroom practice to deliver a common curriculum accessible online
- A broad range of curriculum options to cater for the diversity of students
- Engagement with the broader community built on the values of concern for others and the common good
- Programs that enhance effective learning for the 21st century

- Foster student agency over their own learning through equipping them with the tools to understand and monitor their own progress, and direct their learning in partnership with their teachers
- Relationships that are based on mutual respect, value diversity and thrive in a positive and inclusive environment

Opportunities FCC has identified in the FLP

Through the development of the FLP FCC has a particular desire to enhance its capacity to engage future learners and nurture innovation. We see opportunities to

- Develop a leading and innovative STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) program supported by an iconic STEAM Centre – to include a specific focus on the engagement of girls in the STEAM program
- Build on current environmental science programs and create a Sustainability Hub for the community
- Enhance the performing arts and media programs of schools and the community with an Arts complex that provides larger performance spaces and cutting edge media/design technology that set a new standard within a collaborative learning space
- Develop partnerships locally and globally to extend the opportunities for student learning
 - ❖ To develop a concern for others and the common good
 - ❖ To internationalise our approach and develop informed global citizens
- Foster student enterprise and creativity through the provision of ‘real life’ challenges and experiences
- Establish a centre for excellence in teacher training and ongoing professional learning for teachers, and have the FLP recognised as a professional destination of choice for experienced teaching professionals and for those emerging in the education sector
- Develop targeted learning pathways to tertiary institutions
- Develop a community of practice that promotes co-operation between all education institutions (early childhood to tertiary) for seamless transitions of all students, and to enhance levels of achievement through a focus on the learning growth of every student.
- Provide flexible access to programs across the different education institutions to enable students to learn at their individual stage of development
- Provide a quality wifi network to connect the education institutions of the precinct and the community for the purposes of information sharing and collaboration in learning
- Share facilities to provide community education programs
- Enhance sporting facilities for shared use with the community, along with a targeted initiative to develop specialist sports programs for girls and women
- Provide a venue in Footscray for large assemblies of people