

CAMPUS VISION

Northcote High is a welcoming, inspiring and vibrant place for learning.

A network of specialist learning hubs dedicated to specific disciplines are linked by adaptable spaces, gathering places, gardens and recreation areas opening onto Merri Park.

Well-designed buildings and landscapes support collaborative, student-centred learning and diverse activities within the school and beyond.



Kerstin Thompson Architects
(www.kerstinthompson.com) have been appointed lead consultants.

Designs for the new Hubs are being developed in close consultation with staff, students and families. Draft Design Concepts will be available for feedback in early 2016.

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME PERFORMANCE HUB

2015 DEC	MASTERPLAN UPDATE & HUB FEASIBILITY
2016 FEB	DESIGN CONCEPT
MAR	COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
MAR- JUN	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
JUL- AUG	TENDERS
SEPT- OCT	SITE WORKS COMMENCE
EARLY 2017	COMPLETION

NORTHCOTE HIGH CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT NEWS November 2015

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Northcote High's Campus Redevelopment News – a regular school community update regarding improvements to the campus buildings and grounds.

Over the last few months the school has been preparing to commence design of the first of two new learning Hubs: the **Performance Hub** and the **Art & Design Hub**. Further details are outlined below.

These projects are Northcote High's first opportunity in decades to create exemplary learning settings that reflect the school's future-facing Learning and Teaching Framework and the community's aspirations.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, the State Government confirmed its funding contribution of \$3 million for development of the Performance Hub which will be the first of the proposed new learning hubs. School Council has also committed school funds to the refurbishment of the Art & Design Hub.

The Hubs are part of the school's long term vision for a campus that better caters for contemporary learning and a growing student community. The **Campus Vision and Draft Masterplan** has been developed in consultation with the school community.

In addition to these first Hubs, plans are also progressing for four other learning hubs, for **Science, Sports, Humanities** and **Student Information and Services**. The school will be pursuing additional funding from Government and the community for these projects.

PROCESS SO FAR

2014	CAMPUS VISION & DRAFT MASTERPLAN
2015 FEB	PERFORMANCE HUB FUNDING CONFIRMED
MAY - DEC	ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING
JUN - AUG	RESEARCH, CONSULTATION AND BRIEF PREPARATION
SEP - OCT	CONSULTANT SELECTION
OCT	DESIGN CONSULTANT APPOINTED
NOV	COMMENCE SCHEMATIC DESIGN

FURTHER INFORMATION

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PERFORMANCE HUB



THE ASPIRATION

Prominently located on the corner of the campus, the **Performance Hub** will be a place for the whole student community - an inspiring and outward-facing learning environment for the Music and Theatre performance programs and a home-away-from-home for VCE students. The Hub will significantly enable learning through performance.

Improved Music learning and rehearsal spaces will be co-located with a contemporary **Studio Theatre** for Drama rehearsal and performance. The Studio Theatre will have potential for community hire and revenue generation for the school.



Flexible VCE facilities will compliment other student services on campus. The Hub will also demonstrate leading environmentally sustainable design.

PROJECT SCOPE

The new Performance Hub will accommodate teaching and learning areas for the **Music School** and **Drama and Theatre Studies** plus associated planning and support facilities, social spaces and amenities. Flexible **VCE** facilities, including study and meeting areas will also be part of the Hub.



Located on the Building A site, the Performance Hub building is envisaged to have two levels, with the Music and Theatre facilities on the ground floor and the VCE spaces above. Visual Art classes currently in Building A will be relocated to the new Art & Design Hub.

FUNDING

The Performance Hub budget is \$3 million of State Government funding. Potential additional costs would require community fundraising.



ART & DESIGN HUB

THE ASPIRATION

The **Art & Design Hub** will significantly enhance the creative culture of Northcote High's Art and Design program by accommodating contemporary and traditional practices in a studio environment that enables collaboration, cross-fertilisation and student directed projects.

Light-filled learning studios dedicated to specific creative disciplines will be linked to shared resources and display spaces and flexible areas for staff and students to plan, research, reflect and connect.

The Hub will open onto adjacent outdoor areas, potentially including outdoor learning spaces and workshops.

The Art & Design Hub will demonstrate leading environmentally sustainable design and will be adaptable to changing approaches to art and design education.

PROJECT SCOPE

The new Art & Design Hub will consolidate and cater for **Visual Arts** and **Product Design**, including Media and Visual Design and Communications.

Situated in either Building B or Building C or a combination of both, the Art & Design Hub may also include Food Technology.

FUNDING

The cost of this refurbishment project is anticipated to be \$500,000. School Council has committed some school funds and will be raising further funds in the new year to complete the project.

