



THE CANTICLE

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE –
30 JANUARY 2026

We commence the 2026 year with exciting updates and progress in the construction of our new Library Precinct – *The Canticle*. A project we anticipate will be completed in late February of 2027. For those parents who attended our recent Homeroom Mentor Teacher Meetings, you will have seen first-hand, the hive of activity that is currently the centre of our school. For Year 7 families and those new to our college, we have included below some details that were shared with our families last year.

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Today, it gives us great pleasure to now share with you an animated render and ‘fly through’ of this wonderful new learning facility.

 [Click here for – The Canticle Fly Through](#)

Construction Update #1.

- The hoarding of all connecting buildings was erected over the break, to ensure a secure separation of the construction site with our campus and to minimise dust, noise, and visible distractions.
- Hutchinson Builders have worked throughout the summer holidays and have now completed the strip down and partial demolition of the existing Elizabeth Hayes Building (iCentre).



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- The columns of the current Elizabeth Hayes Building will be used to form the foundations of our new building.
- Due to the central location of the construction site, pedestrian access between the Cremorne Rd side of the campus and the Somerset Rd side of the campus is currently accessible via the 'yellow brick road'. This is currently a boom gate operated crossing, always supervised by Tim (employed by Hutchies).
- Once all services have been relocated to the western side of the campus, a more permanent 'gantry' pedestrian access solution will be erected. We expect this to occur over the Easter Holidays.
- Throughout February, we anticipate the noise impact to be at its height, with the construction of the lift shaft underway.
- We also expect throughout the coming weeks heavy vehicles accessing the Cremorne Road driveway to remove material from the demolition. Hutchies will be supervising the movement of these vehicles at all times.
- Hutchinson Builders have indicated that they will also be working on many Saturdays throughout the year to expedite the project.

How are we managing campus operations so far?

- Safe student access across the 'yellow brick road' will continue to be monitored. Understandably, there is some congestion at particular times of the day.
- In relation to bathroom facilities, we remain compliant in terms of our student population. However, with the demolition of the E Block Toilets, further amenities have been made available for student access in the Assisi Room (top level of Anthony Building) and San Damiano Centre.
- We have the full microwave suite available between La Cucina and the Kitchens (not too far from their original location in the undercroft).
- As a staff, in this time of construction and temporary access points, we are very mindful of the need to afford students 'grace' in allowing them time to transit to their next class.
- We have allowed students for Term 1 to bring their school bag to period 5 to minimise departure delays and campus movements.
- The Heads of Faculty and Academic Team have made every effort to develop a 2026 assessment calendar sympathetic to the context of the year.
- Large cohort examinations will, wherever possible, take place in the San Damiano Centre or La Verna Classrooms, where the construction noise is far less imposing.



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- Our Year 12 program for assessment will continue to be monitored and arrangements will be in place to ensure that our seniors are well supported this year.
- Teaching and Learning will continue, with rigour – and staff and students will manage any interruptions or distractions in their classroom environments.
- Earphones/earplugs may be a good idea for quiet work and study periods – particularly throughout February.
- Access to our Library (now next to our Uniform Shop) will still be available for student access and use. Further details regarding Academic Mentoring will be forthcoming.
- We anticipate that parking and traffic will continue to be an ongoing challenge in the precinct and we encourage students and staff to be safe and considerate in relation to this.
- In keeping with our Franciscan spirit, this might be the year to consider carpooling, riding or walking to school (where practicable), catching the bus, or parking a bit further away to drop off and collect your daughter.

Please be assured that the College Leadership Team, in conjunction with our Mount Alvernia College Facilities Manager, will continue to monitor the various stages of the construction process with a careful eye across student safety, access and learning. We are committed to refining and changing our approach – if and when needed in response to the needs of the community. To date, we have built a very good working relationship with Hutchies who continue to keep us regularly apprised of the scope of work for the upcoming week.

We thank you for your patience, understanding and grace during this time of exciting renewal.

Yours in partnership,
The College Leadership Team