



Principal's Update Term 3, 2021

Important Dates

Junior School -
Individual
Professional Photos
Wednesday 11 August

Middle/Senior
School - Individual
Professional Photos
Thursday 19 August

Book Week (Week
6)
Monday 23 August

Volunteer Induction
Session (LT) 6:00pm
- 7:00pm
Tuesday 24 August

Junior School -
Sports & Groups
Professional Photos
Wednesday 1 September

Middle/Senior
School - Sports &
Groups Professional
Photos
Thursday 2 September

Student Free Day
Friday 3 September

'R U OK?' Day
Thursday 9 September

Term 3 Ends
Friday 24 September

Upcoming Events

College Tours - Tuesday, 10 August

Date: Tuesday 10 August
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

Principal's Update - New Building Development



Welcome to Term 3!

This term promises to be an exciting one and I am delighted to share with you our plans for the development of the Middle School campus. We engaged Swanbury Penglase Architects in August last year and since this time they have worked with students, staff and the College Council to provide input into our needs that will enhance student learning for the middle and senior years.

The project drivers are:

At this stage there has been significant work undertaken and currently the plans are with Playford Council awaiting building development approval.

The proposed plans include a new building that will provide classrooms for Years 8 and Years 9, a new Middle School Student Services area, two spaces that will allow students to be hands on and develop products that will integrate learning across subjects, a learning centre that will provide specialist support for students across Years 6-12 with additional needs, break out spaces for students to work with each other and various meeting rooms.

In addition, two Indonesian rooms will be located on the ground floor of the main building, along with an additional Music space upstairs. The Lecture Theatre will be converted into a Performing Arts Space for Drama lessons and recitals. The space will also be able to be used for a lecture-style presentations and assemblies. An additional Drama room will be developed next to the Canteen.

The new building will be two storeys and connected to the main building. It will be positioned in what is now the car park. The car park will be relocated to the western-side of the campus and will be equivalent to the spaces we currently have.

What will change is the construction of drop-off and pick-up zones on both sides of President Avenue. These will be outside the Middle and Senior campuses.

The Uniform Shop will be moved to the eastern-side of the Soccer Oval where a small car park will be built with an entrance and exit from Crittenden Street.

The next stage of the process is to obtain council approval. Once approval is obtained the Architects will complete extensive drawings to go to Tender for a builder.

We envisage the development of the site to begin in January 2022.

With significant capital development project there will be disruptions to how the College will operate next year. We will work closely with both the Architects and the builder to ensure we limit disruptions and carefully plan the work to be undertaken.

I am also pleased to share that another major project at the College will be the redevelopment of the Junior School car park, due to begin at the end of this term. We need over three months to undertake this work and believe that Term 4 (8 weeks) along with the January break will be needed. The car park will include a smoother and safer drop-off and pick-up zone. There will be disruption to the Junior School as parents will need to park away from the campus and walk in. We will be communicating more about these plans as we move forward this term.

Please see below the architectural impressions of the new building for the Middle School campus.

We are excited for this next stage of the College's development.

Ms Leanne Carr | Principal

Ground Floor

First Floor

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