

Principal's Update



CAPITAL WORKS BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

As I reported earlier in the year, the school was fortunate in receiving \$15.5 million in capital works funding to replace our transportable buildings at the rear of the school and to build brand new spaces that will be used to educate the expected 300+ Year 7 students when they arrive in secondary school in 2022.

Unfortunately the wish list of all the projects we hoped to do as part of our redevelopment came in at around \$27 million. Obviously, some of the identified projects had to be removed from the scope of the works and we were required to prioritise some projects over others.

After a few weeks of 'back and forth' we now have brought the scope of works within budget. Projects that have been approved to be funded include:

- Removal of all transportable buildings (I, J, K and L)
- Construction of a new performing arts space to include: one dance studio; one drama suite; one flexible dance/drama space; retractable seating; change rooms; toilets; theory space; staff office
- Construction of a new Year 12 Study Centre to include: flexible zones to allow for individual study and group collaboration; provision for up to 220 student lockers; staff office; Student Services centre
- Construction of a new Middle School Building to include: 18 general learning areas (12 to accommodate the expected 300 Year 7 students and 6 to replace the GLA's lost when the transportable buildings are removed); flexible break out spaces for individual and group collaboration; media pod; staff offices for up to 24 teachers; provision for up to 450 student lockers; toilets; flexible walls and brand new furniture
- Landscaping – various projects to soften the landscape and make it more inviting by providing new shade, seating and outdoor classroom options; junior school playground (possibly)

Projects that could not be accommodated in the budget and had to be moved 'below the line' include:

- Increasing the capacity of our car park (we are expecting we will need up to 20 additional teachers and 6 ancillary staff in 2022 when the Year 7's join us)
- The refurbishment of Home Economics
- The refurbishment of the Discovery Centre
- Extending and upgrading the Administration Centre

An indicative timeline for the project is:

- July to September 2019 – develop the scope of the project
- October to December 2019 – plans developed to 60%; costings refined; approval sought from Public Works Committee for the project to proceed; begin selecting furniture, fittings and equipment
- January – February 2020 – plans developed to 80%; project approved so tendering process can begin
- March – April 2020 – tender process completed
- May – June 2020 – successful tenderer announced; contract signed
- End of June 2020 – construction begins
- December 2021 – project completed; handover; occupation

Note – everyone involved in the project (Department for Education, architects, DPTI, etc) understand the need for our normal programs to continue as usual throughout the duration of the project. They will come up with a process for managing this so there will be no disruption to student learning.

As the project develops I will provide further updates and photos of our progress.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE STUDENT FREE DAY IN TERM 4

Please note a change of date for the Term 4 Student Free Day which has been moved from Thursday 12 December to Thursday 21 November. Staff will be undertaking professional learning led by the international education expert Professor John Hattie on further developing their teaching practices.



ONE+ CAMPUS TALENT NIGHT

On Tuesday 30 July the One+ Talent Night was held in the Pedare Chapel. Golden Grove High School was represented by four acts chosen following a rigorous audition process conducted in Term 2. It was a wonderful night, showcasing the incredible talent of our amazing campus students. Our students did exceptionally well and took out the top three places! Congratulations to:

1st Renee C - Renee is a Year 12 student with a keen interest in music and creative arts. The song she performed was called 'Please' and was an original with both music and lyrics written by her. It was a 'raw and heart wrenching' song about addiction and everything that involves.

2nd Kanta T - Kanta is a Year 11 international student from Japan. He is a classically trained pianist and has been studying piano for 12 years. He was very excited to be part of the Talent Night and share his passion for piano with the audience.

3rd Alexandra T and Talisha E - Alex and Talisha are both Year 9 Special Interest Dance students. Their dance piece was their own original choreography, performed to the song 'Dying in LA'.

Our fourth performers were Blake and Genevieve - Blake and Gen sang 'Two Player Game' from the musical 'Be More Chill' which is based on the 2004 novel of the same name. Blake and Gen are both Year 10 students with a keen interest in the Arts.

If you have not had the pleasure of attending one of these events over the last three years I strongly recommend attending the corresponding event in 2020. It is a fabulous nights' entertainment.

Peter Kuss
Principal



Renee with her First Place trophy



Kanta during his performance



Alex and Talisha's
dance duet



Gen and Blake perform

