



## **Announcement: Facilities**

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St Luke's opened in January 2017 with 3 modular learning spaces and a temporary administration building. Since the beginning of 2018 there has been the addition of:

- I. *The Catholic Early Learning Centre (CELC):* A 700 square metre, state of the art Long Day Centre which is open from 6:30am-6:00pm, Monday to Friday.
- II. *The Hub:* A three storey building which currently houses students in Years 1 to 7 and contains flexible and agile furniture which supports the need to quickly differentiate learning for groups of students.
- III. *The Staff Area:* Due to open within the next few weeks, this is a wonderful space which combines office areas with recreation and work areas for teachers to collaboratively work in teams to plan, prepare, deliver and evaluate learning together.

These three buildings are excellent facilities with each one playing a role in supporting St Luke's quest to design and establish the 'new normal' for preschool to post school learning. Over the next few years there will be more buildings each with their own unique purpose. Each building will support and enable learning which will nurture faith-filled, curious children to become creative contributors and innovative problems solvers for a changing world. An indicative building timeline for the next two years is:

1. By the end of March 2018, early works will commence for the School Of Foundations (Phase 3). This three storey building will accommodate Kindergarten to Year 4 students. It will contain general learning areas (GLAs), specialist areas for Music and Art, and have 'makerspaces' on each floor. Furthermore, there will be an outdoor, undercover space with soft fall area which will have equipment for our learning through play approach to learning in the CELC and Kindergarten years. This building is due for completion by January, 2019. Adjacent to the School of Foundations will be the Marketplace, the geographical centre of the school where students will share innovative ideas and display creative products to be critiqued by local and global community partners.
2. In the second half of 2018, some of the modular buildings will be converted for the delivery of Science, TAS (Technology and Applied Studies), Music and Visual Arts (Phase 3A). These spaces will be used mainly for Year 7 classes in the second half of 2018 and Year 7 & 8 classes in 2019. The refurbishment of these spaces have been designed for students to investigate, explore and create across more than one subject discipline. As part of this process specialist teachers from each of these subject areas have been consulted in the design of this makerspace so that all curriculum requirements are addressed in a creative way.

3. The construction of another three level building is planned to commence at the beginning of the 2019 school year (Phase 4). On the ground floor will be *St Luke's Arrunga* - pronounced arr-oon-ga. This is a local Aboriginal term meaning "in harmony". *St Luke's Arrunga* will be a learning studio which caters for 30 students with moderate intellectual disabilities. The first floor and second floor will accommodate students in the School of Leadership; that is for students in Stages 3 & 4 (Years 5, 6, 7 & 8). Again, there will be flexible and agile learning spaces which support our commitment for learning to be collaborative and connected with peers and the wider community. This building, all being well, will open for the beginning of the 2020 school year. The application for this stage, Phase 4 of the building program is yet to be confirmed by regulatory and government authorities; however, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is committed to providing the physical facilities needed to serve the needs of a growing enrolment for Marsden Park and surrounds.

As part of Phases 3, 3A and 4 of the building program due to take place between now and 2020, it is envisaged that there will be a number of purposeful play spaces to complement the learning spaces. These purposeful play spaces will include a playing oval, artificial turf, an area for courts and hard surfaces for ball games.

Looking further into the future, there will be another three level building which will serve the needs for Years 9 to 12 students. Due for completion somewhere between 2022 and 2023, the spaces within this building will provide Performing Arts facilities for Dance, Drama and Music, a Sound and Video Studio, Science Research Laboratory and high end Technology Hub. And, of course, to complete St Luke's, there will be the construction of a multi purpose hall which will serve as a majestic gathering space for community events. This will take place some time after 2023.

One point of note: with each new building there will be a commitment to develop multiple 'makerspaces'. We envisage that each makerspace will be a place where students gather to tinker, explore, prototype, discover, create & invent using a variety of hand tools, resources and materials including wood, paper, and plastics across a number of Key Learning Areas (KLAs). Depending on the learning stage of the students, there will also be the latest technology which may include bluebots, ozobots, lego kits, 3D printers, laser cutters and robotics kits, along with the necessary software programs. Ultimately, through a mindset of community partnership and a culture which encourages imagination and creativity, these makerspaces will be collaborative learning spaces where people come together to share ideas and materials to learn new skills which can be transferable to a rapidly changing world.

Overall, designing and establishing the new normal for preschool to post school learning at St Luke's is exciting and groundbreaking. I look forward to working with many and various stakeholders who will ensure students leave St Luke's knowing their purpose so they lead a faith filled lifestyle full of contentment.

Yours faithfully



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