

GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT NEW SOUTH WALES

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PROJECT: Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College – Scientia Project
RE: SDRP SESSION 48 – 26.02.2020 (first review)

Dear Glenn,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above project at an early stage. Please find a summary of advice and recommendations arising from the design review session held on 26.02.20.

The team's thorough presentation clearly explained the opportunities, constraints and masterplan for the school. However, in any future presentation the team is encouraged to afford equal time to architecture and landscape elements. Generally the design approach to the project is supported, in particular:

- Overall masterplan and landscape design incorporating courtyards and cloisters;
- Campus-wide environmental sustainability initiatives;
- New buildings to connect and integrate with existing facilities and support modern pedagogical approaches;
- Setting back the Scientia building to ensure the avenue of existing trees at the Miller Street entrance is retained;
- Placing the sports courts of the Scientia building below ground to reduce overall height and increase landscape opportunities at ground level.
- Thorough and rigorous consultation process.
- Proposed materials palette, including the use of paving as a wayfinding device.

The following commentary provides direction for the project:

Masterplan & Landscape

- Planting on building edges to be noted and coordinated with the landscape plans for clarity and completeness;
- General coordination of architectural and landscape elements, including skylights;

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- Consider opportunities to incorporate the paved areas no longer to be used for on-grade parking and edges around the Holy Grass as gathering and dwelling areas;
- Confirm planting palette;
- Tree retention is encouraged for shade, amenity and aesthetic quality. Provide arborist report to indicate significance of existing trees and clarify trees to be retained, new trees proposed and trees to be removed;
- Clarify opportunities for active uses and play within the wildflower garden;
- Provide details of how the existing connection to Country and engagement with Indigenous Culture will be strengthened through the proposal.
- Clarify DDA accessibility between entry points, landscape areas and built form;
- Provide further detail of the traffic analysis to support proposed access and drop-off points.

Scientia Building

- Break down the bulk and scale of the building through façade refinement, architectural detail and articulation, and reduction or consolidation of program (where possible);
- Detail passive solar design strategies to ensure access to natural light and ventilation for all internal spaces;
- Investigate any CPTED requirements for the external space between the gym and Miller Street at level -01;
- Investigate the potential for the building to be an ESD exemplar through sustainability initiatives that exceed minimum requirements.

The items raised above should be addressed in the SSDA and we look forward to further review of this project as it progresses through the assessment process.

Please contact GANSW Design Advisor, Carol Marra (Carol.Marra@planning.nsw.gov.au), if you have any queries regarding this advice.

Sincerely,



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