

MASSING, HEIGHT + DENSITY

The building form has been carefully designed so that it is highly responsive to its context, including the slope of the topography, the scale of the residential neighbours, the adjacency to the oval, and the relationship to other buildings on the school campus.

Despite being overall comprised of 5 storeys, the effective height of the building is carefully controlled to create an appropriate street frontage to Mt Pleasant Ave.

From the northern approach, the building forms an edge to the new garden plaza and acts as part of the container for this space. It has a three-storey presence and a highly articulated form.

From the Mount Pleasant Avenue approach, the expression of the building is three brick-clad volumes, each two storeys high, and each with articulation and detailing reminiscent of the residential character of the streetscape. From the west, the long side of the building is visible from the school oval. The form is articulated into a curving zig-zag shape, yet the material palette and detailing is restrained, which permits this building to read as a solid edge to the green space in a similar way to the forest opposite.

The design utilises the slope of the land in order to manage its height. From Mount Pleasant Avenue, the building reads as a series of 2-storey pods with a larger volume floating behind which is either three or four storeys high, but which turns away from the street at its tallest end, creating an increased setback. In contrast, from the west, the full height of the building presents to the school campus and provides an attractive edge to the oval.

