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Dear Colleagues

We have been sharing with you our plans for the renewal of our Bellevue Hill campus for some time and I'm delighted to inform you that today the formal planning application commenced with a request to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to issue a statement of environmental assessment requirements to support the project.

Consistent with the approval pathway for capital projects in NSW schools, the School will soon prepare a detailed Environmental Impact Statement and Development Application that will go to public exhibition and encourage community feedback. Whilst there are a number of regulatory approval steps to work through before a start date is determined, we hope to begin work during the latter part of 2018.

As many of you are aware, we are currently planning a proposed redevelopment of Hordern Oval, War Memorial Hall and the Heritage Precinct at our Senior School campus. The proposed renewal project aims to:

- Create a learning environment that complements the strong, liberal arts academic framework at Cranbrook and the academic, emotional and spiritual development of students;
- Address shortcomings in non-academic facilities that are core to the provision of a world-class educational experience;
- Enhance the functional and aesthetic environment of the Bellevue Hill campus, and
- Manage the interests and concerns of our staff and neighbours.

Today we will inform our families and neighbours of this important step. The School will be holding Community Open Days over the coming months for all to view the plans, meet members of the project team (including the architects, planners and traffic consultants), ask questions and provide any feedback.

I look forward to providing further details in due course: we will make the plans available for viewing by colleagues as soon as is practicable.

With warmest wishes

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Sampson