

Correspondence to Families sent via Cranbrook Link 12 October 2017 at 4pm

Dear Parents

I hope that the beginning of term has been welcomed in your households: it is heartening to have everyone back on campus. Our HSC candidates await the commencement of the examination season next week and we send them our best wishes ... but the pace of school life is relentless and, yesterday, we celebrated the commissioning of Roy Valentine and George Head as Head and Second Prefect respectively. Their period of office will take us into the School's Centenary. These are exceptional times.

Our Masterplan is building momentum: I am writing to provide you with an update on the proposed plans to rejuvenate our Bellevue Hill campus. As a neighbour and parent, we are committed to ensuring you have access to the latest project information.

A formal planning application commenced this week 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. While 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.

What is proposed?

As you may be 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 rejuvenation 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 neighbours.

How can you find out more?

I should be very pleased to clarify any aspects of the proposal directly with you. We are considering the proposal carefully, in order to provide positive improvements and benefits for our neighbours and the School community and minimise any potential impact and disruption.

Please do not hesitate to call and arrange an appointment to sit down with us. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposed plans with you.

How will community and stakeholder feedback be used?

Your feedback and perspective help inform the process.

All community and stakeholder feedback provided through this process will help to inform detailed planning and design. Feedback will be documented in a Summary of Consultation Outcomes Report, which will be submitted to the Department of Environment and Planning with the State Significant Development Application.

Community Open Days

The School will be holding Community Open Days in future 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.

For more information

- Visit <http://www.cranbrook.nsw.edu.au/about/future-cranbrook.aspx>
- Email us at future@cranbrook.nsw.edu.au

The implementation of the project in the current scope is of course subject to us meeting our fundraising goals. As you are aware we are holding our fundraising dinner on 1 December 2017 where we very much hope to realise our ambitions. I would also encourage you to contact our Director of Development, Cameron Torrance (ctorrance@cranbrook.nsw.edu.au), to arrange a tour of the Senior School campus during which the project's benefits will be explained. To book a tour please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/SBFA>

Parental/Student Survey

As part of the School's commitment to ensure continual improvement of the quality of education it provides our students, I wish to gain deep and well-informed feedback from parents and students in relation to the School's performance.

To encourage you to express your opinions openly and frankly, I have commissioned MMG Education, a consultancy specialising in school research and strategy development, to conduct surveys of parental and student views.

Parents will be invited to complete an online questionnaire during a two week period commencing on Friday, 13 October. Students from Years 5-12 will also be provided with an opportunity to reflect on their experiences and will complete questionnaires under supervision at the School.

To ensure confidentiality and to encourage frank and full expression of views:

- All responses will be treated in strict confidence, and
- Respondents will not be identified to the School by MMG Education on the basis of questions asked or responses made.

Once the research has been completed, MMG will provide me with a report on its findings and I will provide you with feedback on the research findings.

Should you prefer not to participate in this review, or if you have any questions regarding the project, please advise my office.

I should be most grateful for the valuable contribution you will be making to this most important project by completing your questionnaire.

I very much look forward to seeing you around the School over the course of coming weeks and hope that this will be a happy and fulfilling term for you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Sampson
Headmaster