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1 Project Introduction

Arup has prepared this document on behalf of Cranbrook School to aid the description of its Hordern Oval Precinct Redevelopment to be assessed by the Department of Planning as part of a State Significant Development Application.

The new Hordern Oval Precinct will consist of three components which will include an academic and liberal arts facility, a sub-surface car park under the existing oval and a new aquatic and fitness centre.

Arising from our considered initial analysis of the original buildings, associated grounds and heritage rich nature of the Bellevue Hill Campus it was determined that by demolishing the existing War Memorial Hall and Mansfield Building it would unlock the opportunity to develop a key area of the site. These existing buildings are underutilised and do not meet modern teaching standards, replacing these buildings will make way for an enhanced and world class teaching facility.

The new Centenary Building is a purposefully assembled teaching and learning environment which include, teaching and learning rooms, teaching terraces, a drama theatre, a dining commons, a place of worship and an assembly hall/ basketball court.

It is proposed to excavate the existing oval to accommodate a sub-surface car park which will provide an additional car parking spaces on the campus to lessen the impact of the school on the local neighbourhood.

The new aquatic and fitness centre is also proposed to be constructed beneath the northern end of Hordern Oval and will contain aquatic and fitness facilities.

The turfed surface of Hordern Oval is to be reinstated over both the new car park and the new aquatic recreation centre with a new groundsman's facility to be constructed to replace the existing series of ad hoc sheds along the eastern side of the oval.

The development contributes positively towards the neighbourhood and Cranbrook's vision of being a leading school that will support learning and the pursuit of excellence of its students in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Arup share the School's Vision which will encourage and enable all of its students to explore, enjoy and fulfil their potential in this new facility. We believe this development embodies the School's Mission which ultimately seeks to contribute to the betterment of society through the educational experience provided to its students, so that they may discover and make the most of their talents, to give of their best and to thrive in and love the pursuit of excellence.



Figure 1: Site Plan

In the site plan shown in Figure 1, the development areas noted are:

1. Centenary Building
2. New Aquatic Fitness Centre (AFC)
3. New car park

1.1 Design Targets

The primary objectives of Cranbrook School Development are to achieve Australian best practice. Methods under consideration for achieving this include:

- 5-star Green Star in principle rating.
- Reduce water demand by using rainwater capture and reuse
- Improve urban environment by including high quality landscaping

2 Sustainability Approach

The sustainability approach for the Cranbrook School development focuses on creating a comfortable, flexible and community focussed space providing learning and teaching facilities alongside social study and collaboration spaces.

The sustainability strategy incorporated into Cranbrook School design is centred upon the following core principles:

- Comfort and Wellbeing
- Energy and Carbon
- Materials
- Water
- Waste Minimisation

The following sections details the proposed approach and highlights initiatives under investigation to satisfy the focus core principles noted above.

2.1 Energy

Energy is a key sustainability driver of the design of Horden Oval Precinct redevelopment. The overall strategy targets an improvement over the DTS Section J requirements.

The fabric performance requirements are addressed in the design by optimising the glazing performance and shading configuration for each orientation. This is to ensure that thermal comfort is achieved, and solar gains moderated. This allows effective application of the mixed mode ventilation strategy, and efficient operation of the mechanical system.

As HVAC systems contribute to a large percentage of overall energy consumption in educational buildings, minimising this is a key principle in the design of Cranbrook School. To address this, the majority of the building is designed to provide the opportunity of mixed mode operation.

In addition to this the following mechanical strategies are being investigated to decrease energy consumption while maintaining comfort for occupants:

- Spill air strategy – to increase thermal comfort in the informal teaching areas and transient spaces spill air from the formal teaching areas will be used to temper the air.
- Ceiling fans
- Demand driven ventilation to minimise the conditioning of outside air is appropriate locations.

In addition to efficient mechanical system the following principles and strategies may be implemented to achieve the energy targets:

- The building's shading structure will be designed to optimize solar gains while still providing natural daylight and views to the occupants.
- The use of high efficiency lighting with motion and daylight sensing.
- The insulation of the building will target to be better than deemed to satisfy requirements, helping to reduce the air conditioning loads.
- Energy efficient appliances will be provided throughout the building.
- Green roofs above the AFC and Centenary Building will reduce the thermal loads on the façade while having a positive effect on the micro climate.
- Metering and monitoring of energy sources and usage to promote awareness of consumption.
- Air movers will be used to increase comfort while the building is naturally ventilated and reduce demand for air conditioning.

2.2 Water

The water strategy focuses on; reducing potable water through efficient fixtures and monitoring water use. In addition stormwater runoff from the site will be design to not negatively affect the surrounding habitats.

Rainwater harvesting and reuse will be key to reducing potable water demand at Cranbrook School. A site wide strategy to water is proposed with the aim of a centralised tank to source non-potable water for irrigation to oval. This will be supplemented by bore water.

2.3 Management

The following management strategies are being considered to improve the project's sustainability by influencing areas where decision making is critical.

- The building will undergo a high level of commissioning and tuning upon completion to ensure the building services operate efficiently and to their full potential.
- A best practice formal environmental management plan will be implemented for procedures during construction of the building.

- The project will implement best practice waste management system allocating areas, size and collection strategies. This will include the collection and separation of distinct waste streams and the feasibility of off-site waste management.

2.4 Indoor Environment Quality

The following indoor environment quality strategies are being investigated to achieve sustainability performance in a manner that also improves the occupant experience of the space.

- The air conditioning system will be designed with fresh air which will meet or exceed Australian Standards.
- The acoustic insulation of the building will be designed to provide appropriate and comfortable acoustic conditions for occupants.
- Efficient, flicker free lighting.
- The lighting levels and glare reduction will comply with best practice guidelines and targeted ratings.
- Maximise the accessibility to high quality external views.
- Maximise the amount of natural daylight to the building. This provides passive solar heating during winter and increases the solar access to occupants while minimising solar gain during the summer.
- Indoor air quality will be improved by eliminating products, such as paints and carpets that do not meet appropriate minimum VOC standards.
- The building design will promote a high level of thermal comfort for occupants by controlling the envelope gains and designing to best practice HVAC standards.

2.5 Transport

The following transport strategies are aimed at minimising occupant dependency on using private cars in order to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.

- The building is located in area which has readily accessible transport options and which are close to a range of amenities, reducing the need to use private cars.
- Bicycle facilities will be provided to staff and student, these will consist of secure bicycle parking, lockers and showers.

2.6 Materials

The following material selections will be considered to address the consumption of resources within the construction of the building.

- Minimisation of PVC throughout building services

- The use of sustainable timber (FSC timber products) wherever timber is used
- Reduction of non-reused or recycled content in the concrete mixes
- Post-consumer recycled content structural steelwork, reinforcement bars and mesh will be maximised.
- Low VOC materials will be used for flooring, paint, adhesives and sealants.
- Low formaldehyde emission engineered woods products will be used.
- All thermal insulants will be selected to avoid the use of ozone depleting substances in both their manufacture and composition.
- The building will aim to reduce construction waste going to landfill by reducing or recycling building materials. Waste management during construction will target a 80% recycling rate during demolition and construction.

2.7 Land Use and Ecology

The following techniques are being designed to increase the ecological value of the site.

- The design includes an increase in the total area dedicated to green spaces by locating the AFC building below ground and having a green roof over the Centenary Building.
- Low irrigation landscape will be maximised in the selection of plants.

2.8 Emissions

The following strategies are being considered to reduce the environmental impacts of common building emissions.

- Care will be taken to minimise the potential impacts of legionella from the condenser water system.