



Khandallah School

In October 2016, the Khandallah School Board of Trustees and Ministry of Education were delighted to inform and update our school community on long awaited redevelopment plans which include the imminent construction of the new Kaukau Block. We are now happy to say that we are entering the next phase; with the consent and tendering process underway, and construction expected to begin in May, 2017.

Kaukau Block will replace the 3-storey D Block which accommodates around half of our students. It is part of a master plan which aims to transform and evolve our school in line with our vision for teaching and learning; now and into the future. This vision is outlined in the October update which you can find [here](#)

Kaukau Project

The new Kaukau Block will have nine teaching spaces spread across a single level and will be situated adjacent to the top court, in the space currently used as a staff car-park. The location of the new building will create an arch around the central administration area, library and hall, promoting a greater sense of connectedness with the rest of our teaching and learning spaces. Completion in 2018 will coincide with our school's 125th anniversary.



Kaukau Block will be an exciting, innovative learning environment and include 3 x learning studios, a range of breakout areas of different sizes, creative “maker” spaces and music/presentation suites enhanced by outdoor facilities to support learning. You can get a better idea of the final design here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkRx_Svaw5M&feature=youtu.be .



These are developed design images showing artists' impressions of the completed Kaukau Development.



Construction Process

The tender process is now underway and we're anticipating that construction will begin in May. The work will be undertaken in 2 phases.

Phase 1 - Drop off and site area:

Enabling works will be undertaken to address vehicle manoeuvring and parking, pedestrian and vehicle access requirements. Site topography issues will also be addressed during the enabling works phase.

During the works the school will continue to function with the minimum of disruption.

Kaukau Block:

The construction of the new teaching block including surrounding landscaping and site works to allow the new block to be fully operational including the school's relocation into the new building.

Phase 2 - D Block and Terraced area:

Demolish the existing 3 level Block D building consisting of 8 teaching spaces, amenities and circulation spaces.

Complete all construction, landscaping and site works, generally on and around the area of the existing block D but including all works not able to be completed before block D demolition.

Note: We are currently looking to undertake a Clark Street pedestrian entry design, provided local funds can be raised. This area will be redeveloped into a safe, welcoming main entrance to our school during this period.



Teaching and Learning during construction

During construction of the new teaching block, our school programmes will continue as usual in the current buildings. However, our top playground, fort area and slides will be decommissioned and alternate play equipment and activities organised for children to enjoy while the project is underway.

Once Kaukau Block is complete, our children and staff will move into their new learning environment before Phase 2 commences.

Health & Safety

The new building will comply 100% with new building standards. The safety of students, staff and general public will be the highest priority. Construction zones will be fenced and no access permitted.

Health and safety plans will be put in place prior to any work proceeding on site, and will be actively managed throughout the construction period.

Traffic

When the contractor has been engaged, a Traffic Management Plan and a Contractor Briefing Plan will be developed for use during the project. These will be shared with staff, families and neighbours.

We will, however, need parent co-operation to ensure that our children are safe and our neighbours access to and from their homes respected. Families might like to start planning for how they can ease congestion around the school next term.

Next steps - An opportunity to see the final design and discuss matters like health & safety and traffic management will be held once the plans have been agreed upon.

We look forward to sharing the next exciting step in our journey to transform and evolve our school with you. We will provide updates on the construction of the Kaukau block at regular intervals throughout the project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the Khandallah School Master Plan or the new building, email:
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