



A strong future: built on traditional values

The Saint Kentigern Trust Board is committed to an environment that supports Saint Kentigern values and creates an exceptional educational experience. These commitments have been central to the planning process and proposed master plan we presented in November last year. Since then we have run a significant engagement process which began in response to a call for more involvement from our community.

We received more than 200 direct comments and submissions, and input from four Reference Groups across our schools, representing a wide range of views. We are confident that the decisions we have arrived at as a result of this input and ongoing work by our planning team represents a superior outcome and an exciting step forward in providing for current and future generations of Saint Kentigern students.

Master planning is still ongoing at the Pakuranga campus where we expect to confirm the future direction of new investment later this year.

Aims and core commitments

The opportunities the master plan targets vary from school to school, but it also reflects a commitment across all schools to maintaining the Saint Kentigern ethos, single-gender education at primary level and using Saint Kentigern resources for the good of all students.

Key aims of the master plan are to:

- Strengthen and support the Saint Kentigern vision for being a recognised world leader in education
- Create learning environments which are fit-for-purpose, appealing and functional and inspire students to strive for excellence
- Make the best use of all campuses
- Ensure effective financial management of resources

As part of the engagement process for the proposed master plan, the Trust Board also committed to:

- Educational excellence at every level
- Single-gender education at the Primary schools
- The construction of a new Girls' School (at the best site for this)
- New facilities for the Boys' School
- A new Preschool
- Investment in our Colleges

These aims and commitments are reflected in the decisions the Trust Board has made as part of the master plan for the Primary schools and Preschool.

The Primary Schools and Preschools Master Plan at a glance

The Saint Kentigern Trust Board announced the new master plan for its Primary schools and Preschool on May 10.

This plan provides for:

- A new purpose-built 19-classroom Girls' School, with a new learning commons, library and recreational areas at a new location above and to the left of the Gate 5 entrance on Shore Road where it will have its own "front door" and distinct presence
- New purpose-built facilities at the Boys' School including the construction of 10 new classrooms, new recreational spaces and refurbishment of the current Senior School classrooms for Years 4 – 6 Middle School students
- A new specialist Arts, Science and Technology block that will be available to both Primary schools on a separate timetabled basis
- A purpose-built new Preschool located where the existing tennis courts are at the Shore Road campus, with new tennis courts to be created to the west of Roselle House and Lawn

Collectively these developments represent an investment of some \$70 million at the Shore Road campus while reflecting the Trust Board's commitment to maintaining the unique and special character of each of the schools, the Saint Kentigern ethos and single-gender primary education.

Each Primary school will continue to have its own Principal, staff and teaching curriculum.

Planning will now begin on Phase 1 building developments and all aspects of related management; construction is currently anticipated to take place through 2020 – 2021 with all new facilities completed and ready for occupation in 2022.

The Trust Board will continue to support a higher level of engagement with its community both informally through its Principals and the Preschool Director and through closer engagement with working groups at each school.

Key decisions

The master plan provides for significant development of new purpose-built facilities and enhancement of current facilities and their surrounds, involving an investment of some \$70 million at this campus.

The key elements of the master plan are summarised in the panel above.

The Trust Board has decided to build a new Girls' School and Preschool on the Shore Road campus, but in different locations on the campus from those we had originally proposed.

In choosing these locations for the Girls' School and Preschool, a key and defining priority has been to retain the special ethos of each school, while ensuring our facilities are able to meet the different educational needs of boys and girls. This decision allows us to continue to make the best use of resources and to significantly enhance our offering in the Primary schools and Preschool. By strengthening our educational pathway, it also supports the success of the Saint Kentigern community as a whole.

Rationale for new locations of Girls' School and Preschool

The proposed master plan had envisaged locating a new Girls' School on the lower north-eastern end of Roselle Lawn. In deciding to locate the new Girls' School on Shore Road the Trust Board has been determined to both retain all the advantages of creating a new purpose-built facility while maintaining the distinct and separate identities of both the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

The new location for the Girls' School will mean it has its own "front door" on Shore Road with a clearer sense of its identity and presence, and an outstanding environment focused on girls' education. It will have its own entrance and surrounding sports and play areas, including a new junior playground; extensive synthetic courts; and a courtyard area. Timetabling will ensure each of the two schools also has the benefit of separate access to recreational areas, sports and new specialist facilities.

The new location preserves Roselle Lawn and the special character of that area in the Boys' School. The greater physical separation between the Girls' School and the Boys' School will add to each school preserving its own character.

The new location for the Girls' School is largely neutral in its impact on construction, transport and town planning. Building a new school at this location will include terracing work to the existing slope adjacent to the Jubilee Sports Centre to create recreational and social spaces. We are confident of our ability to develop a highly attractive and distinctive school at this location.

The new Preschool will be built where the current tennis courts are opposite the Boys' School. It will be an attractive purpose-built facility with its own entrance and flow between indoor and outdoor play areas. This location also addresses concerns raised by parents regarding easier drop-off and pick-up for younger children.

Two replacement tennis courts will be created – to the west of Roselle House and on the western side of Roselle Lawn.

What the Shore Road campus will look like

New facilities to be created under this plan are shown in yellow, while the blue areas denote future potential developments.

The two Primary schools and the Preschool are located to make the most of the campus and to preserve their own special identity and character.

The map also shows the Martyn Wilson Field which Saint Kentigern has exclusive access to from 8:00am to 4:30pm on school days and Saturday mornings.

Figure 1: Master plan for Shore Road campus

Key :

-  Boundary
-  Buildings to be demolished
 - 4 classrooms (Middle School building)
 - Library building
 - Staff room
 - 2 relocatable classrooms
-  Proposed new buildings - Phase 1
 - Girls' School
 - Boys' Senior School
 - Specialist Facilities
 - Preschool
-  Future potential developments



Benefits

Investment

Total investment in new facilities and work at the Shore Road campus will be approximately \$70 million.

Work is still at a master planning stage, but as outlined above we will be providing new high-quality classrooms and specialist facilities for all schools in attractively landscaped surroundings with expanded areas for outdoor recreation and play.

Ethos and single-gender education

Saint Kentigern is committed to single-gender primary education and to maintaining each school as a distinct entity with its own curriculum and ethos.

Each Primary school will continue to have its own Principal, staff and teaching curriculum.

Timetabling will ensure each of the two schools also has the benefit of separate access to recreational areas, sports and new specialist facilities.

Key investments at the Boys' School

- A new Learning Commons located within the renovated Roselle House (*completed*)
- A new Boys' Senior School building with 10 modern purpose-built classrooms
- Full refurbishment of the existing Senior School building inclusive of recreational space to allow all the Middle School to come together in one location in modern facilities
- Development of new recreational space next to new Senior School classrooms building

Key investments at the new Girls' School

- A purpose-built, new facility with 19 modern classrooms
- A new learning commons, library and recreational areas to gather, chat, display and perform
- New student bathrooms and change rooms
- Management and administrative offices and teaching resource areas
- New health centre
- Dedicated outdoor and indoor recreational areas including a new junior playground, synthetic courts, a courtyard and timetabled access to sports and new specialist facilities
- Dedicated space to display the history of Corran / the Saint Kentigern Girls' School

Facilities available for timetabled access by both Primary schools

- New purpose-built Specialist block: Arts, Science and Technology
- Hall / Chapel for special events, as with current practice
- Martyn Wilson Field: to which Saint Kentigern has exclusive access from 8:00am to 4:30pm on school days and on Saturday mornings

Key investments at the new Preschool

- New facility purpose-built for 75 students
- Indoor and outdoor spaces

What happens next?

With the decision made on the master plan, the focus will move to the first phase of proposed development involving the design, consenting and construction of new facilities.

Indicatively this will involve:

- 2018 - 2019: Design, documentation, consenting and tendering
- 2020 - 2021: Construction of new buildings
- 2022: Occupation of new facilities

Listening to our community

We have learned from this process and are committed to closer engagement with our community.

Building on this, and as we move to a new phase in this process, we will be forming new School Working Groups where students, parents and others with a stake in Saint Kentigern will have the opportunity to feed into both ongoing planning and other topics affecting their school and Saint Kentigern.

We will continue to seek your input and update you on planning as it progresses. Most of all, we look forward to the benefits this work will bring for education at Saint Kentigern and for all our students now and in the future.

FAQ

- **What will happen at the Girls' School in the meantime, will this be kept up to standard?**

Absolutely. We are committed to a good standard of facilities and resources and will be undertaking any maintenance necessary to ensure this.

- **What will the impact on traffic be?**

Operational planning for this will be a key focus as we move forward, and over time we will want to see a continuing move toward bus transport as well as timetabling to mitigate congestion at key times.

- **How will construction disruption be minimised?**

We will phase all works to minimise disruption and keep construction to the shortest possible time-frame.

Construction will be more localised having new buildings constructed beside each other.

- **Will there be shared drop-off and pick-up areas?**

Drop-off and pick-up areas will be planned for and finalised by management to ensure the safety of all students and ease for parents.