

CAMPUS VISION

Northcote High is a welcoming, inspiring and vibrant place for learning.

A network of specialist learning hubs dedicated to specific disciplines is linked by adaptable spaces, gathering places, gardens and recreation areas opening onto Merri Park.

Well-designed buildings and revitalised landscapes cater for collaborative, student-centred learning and diverse activities within and beyond the school.



Kerstin Thompson Architects
(www.kerstinthompson.com)
are designing both Hubs.

Designs are being developed in close consultation with staff, students and families. Draft Design Concepts will be available for feedback in October 2016.

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME PERFORMANCE HUB

2016 FEB - SEP	DESIGN CONCEPT
OCT	COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
OCT - NOV	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
DEC	TENDERS
EARLY 2017	SITE WORKS COMMENCE
EARLY 2018	COMPLETION

NORTHCOTE HIGH CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT NEWS August 2016

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Northcote High's Campus Redevelopment News – a regular school community update regarding improvements to the campus buildings and grounds.

For the last 6 months, the school has significantly progressed the early designs for the first two new learning Hubs - the **Performance Hub** and the **Art & Design Hub**.

These projects are Northcote High's first opportunity in decades to create exemplary learning settings learnign and teaching.

BACKGROUND

Additional State Government funding was obtained in May this year, providing the necessary \$4.1 million to construct a new building for the Performance Hub. School Council has also committed additional school funds to the refurbishment of the Art & Design Hub.

The Hubs are part of the school's long term vision for a campus that better caters for contemporary learning approaches and a growing student community. The **Campus Vision and Draft Masterplan** has been developed in consultation with the school community.

In addition to these first Hubs, plans are also progressing for four other learning hubs, for **Science, Sports, Humanities** and **Student Information and Services**. The school is pursuing additional funding from Government and the community for these projects.

PROCESS SO FAR

2014	CAMPUS VISION & DRAFT MASTERPLAN
2015 FEB	PERFORMANCE HUB FUNDING CONFIRMED
MAY - DEC	ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING
JUN - SEP	RESEARCH, CONSULTATION AND BRIEF PREPARATION
NOV '15 - JUL '16	CONCEPT DESIGN
2016 MAY	ADDITIONAL FUNDING ANNOUNCED
MAY - JUL	STAFF CONSULTATION AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

FURTHER INFORMATION

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PERFORMANCE HUB



THE ASPIRATION

Prominently located on the corner of the campus, the **Performance Hub** will be a place for the whole student community - an inspiring and outward-facing learning environment for the Music and Theatre performance programs and a home-away-from-home for VCE students. The Hub will significantly enable learning through performance.

Improved Music learning and rehearsal spaces will be co-located with a contemporary **Studio Theatre** for Drama rehearsal and performance. The Studio Theatre will have potential for community hire and revenue generation for the school.

Flexible VCE facilities will compliment other student services on campus. The Performance Hub will also demonstrate leading environmentally sustainable design.

PROJECT SCOPE

The new Performance Hub will accommodate teaching and learning areas for the **Music School** and **Drama and Theatre Studies** plus associated planning and support facilities, social spaces and amenities. Flexible **VCE** facilities will also be part of the Hub.

Located on the Building A site, the Performance Hub building will be a new two storey building, with the Music and Theatre facilities on the ground floor and the VCE spaces above. Visual Art classes currently in Building A will be relocated to the new Art & Design Hub.

FUNDING

The Performance Hub budget is \$4.1 million of State Government funding.



ART & DESIGN HUB

THE ASPIRATION

The **Art & Design Hub** will significantly enhance the creative culture of Northcote High's Art and Design program by accommodating contemporary and traditional practices in a studio environment that enables collaboration, cross-fertilisation and student directed projects.

Light-filled learning studios dedicated to specific creative disciplines will be linked to shared resources and display spaces and flexible areas for staff and students to plan, research, reflect and connect.

The Hub will open onto adjacent outdoor areas, including outdoor learning spaces and workshops.

The Art & Design Hub will demonstrate leading environmentally sustainable design and will be adaptable to changing approaches to art and design education.

PROJECT SCOPE

The new Art & Design Hub will consolidate and cater for **Visual Arts** and **Product Design**, including Media and Visual Design and Communications.

Situated in Building B and Building C, the Art & Design Hub also includes Food Technology.

FUNDING

The cost of this refurbishment project is anticipated to be \$1,000,000. School Council has committed some school funds and additional funds have also been secured to complete the project.

