

Rosary School Master Plan

“planning for now and into the future”

May 2022

The Master Plan Committee would like to provide the school community with another update on the progress of the Master Plan, which has been developed for Rosary School.

The Master Plan

The Master Plan designs have been presented at the School AGM and has been on display in the school for the community to view and provide feedback. It has the support of both the North Adelaide Prospect Parish Pastoral Council and the Dominican Sisters. This Master Plan aims to guide the future direction for the school so that we can plan, budget and deliver projects over the next few years that will ensure Rosary continues to thrive.

Many of the school buildings and equipment have reached their useful life and now is the time to consider new possibilities and outcomes for the school community. Rosary needs to be able to continue to provide innovative education as a R-6 Catholic school, offering contemporary facilities and spaces for our children to enable them to learn in a happy and nurturing environment, now, and for many years to come.

The expert team of architects have developed this Master Plan with Rosary’s vision, faith and sense of community, as core principles of the design. They have developed a design that aims to provide new learning facilities and classrooms, play spaces for all ages and abilities, open spaces to cater to the projected growth of the school.

Key Features of the Design

Some exciting features that the Master Plan will provide for the Rosary School community:

- A new building with 13 new classrooms
- A new ‘Heart of the School’ as a central courtyard and gathering space for the children and school community
- New improved entrances and ‘meeting areas’ to the school on Gladstone Road and Burrage Place
- New landscaping on Gladstone Road to enhance the street presence
- Well connected, drive-through student drop-off zone
- New connected central walkway
- Resurfacing of Jubilee Courts
- Upgrade of school gym to include new kitchen, amenities and OSHC facilities
- New staff carpark
- New lawn spaces and seating areas
- Nature playground and exploration play
- Older age group play area
- Outdoor learning areas
- A new wellness centre and garden.

Site considerations and land acquisitions

As the school community continues to grow, the design team needed to find creative and innovative solutions that provided new facilities, on a site that is already restricted in land size. There were several options and designs that were explored, before finalising the plan.

This has meant that the school has acquired one new property (in Burrage Place) to be able to expand the offering for the school facilities, and wish to acquire other properties in the future.

The school’s internal buildings and spaces have had to be reconsidered to be able to maximise the space available for new buildings and play spaces, to ensure the best possible use of the land available. The hall

location and facilities no longer serve the purpose for our growing school community. The current location of the hall is very restrictive and limits what can be done to expand the school buildings and play opportunities. In light of this, the hall will be transformed and become an open gathering space.

Parts of the school hall will be retained in the new design, in stone seating walls and throughout the play spaces, to acknowledge and remember Rosary School's history. Children will be able to reflect, play and recognise the hall in a contemporary way. We will also be acknowledging the hall's history and connection to the community, through photographs and imagery that will be installed in the new facilities for students, past and present, to enjoy.

Removing part of the hall, makes way for exciting new play spaces, open lawn areas, tree planting and gardens, new meeting and gathering spaces, new seating areas and paving, providing flexible, contemporary and highly useable spaces for the children and families, as we move to make new memories and a renewed history for Rosary School.

Next Steps

The Master Plan Committee invites the community to provide feedback as they begin to develop the plans in detail, ready for construction. Feedback can be provided via email to masterplan@rosary.catholic.edu.au. We will continue to work with specialist consultants, the School Board and Catholic Education to determine the best way forward for the staging and funding for this exciting and transformative project.

Stage 1 - Jubilee Courts

As you would have seen, the refurbishment work on the Jubilee Courts is well underway. This work will include a complete upgrade to the Jubilee courts, providing new, bright and functional basketball and netball courts, handball courts and other court games. New planting areas and seating will also be included. The gym will be expanded to include new kitchen facilities for the OSHC and P&F as well as an additional storage room, toilet and drinking facilities.

This exciting project will be ongoing for another few weeks. We thank you all for your patience and understanding and we continue to upgrade this facility for our children and school community.

Future stages

We are keen to create change as soon as possible for the school community. The play spaces are still a high priority to deliver for the school and we will continue to report back on the timing and implementation of each stage, as we know more in the coming months.

We appreciate this is a longer term plan which will take time, however, some quick wins have been identified and once the Jubilee Courts are completed, we will continue to work on minor upgrades and more immediate changes to the school grounds and buildings to benefit the current school community, until the new work begins.

For any further information on the Master Plan or any of the design outcomes outlined above, please contact Susan Hennessy on 8343 5700. You are also invited to provide feedback via email to masterplan@rosary.catholic.edu.au

Rosary School Master Plan Committee