



WESS

Building our Future

December 2020



As the school year winds up I want to express how grateful I am to be part of such a supportive and adaptable community. 2020 has sent challenges our way and I'm proud of how our students, parents and carers, teachers, administrators, and leadership team have reacted and adapted. I also want to look forward to 2021 and to the next stage of our expansion—Stage 2. This time next year the soon-to-be Year 5s and 6s will be looking forward to making M-block their learning base. We will also have a second library, and a new administrative hub for internal student services.

We have more than 1200 students enrolled to start 2021 with us. Our WESS community continues to grow with students coming from 54 countries and speaking 43 languages! It is our West End community spirit that binds us and our communal ambition to see our students become the best that they can be—reaching their full potential—that drives what we do. We really do *All Smile in the Same Language* as our school motto declares.

We have updated our process for students' first day of school, 2021. On Monday (25th Jan), 2 days before school commences on Wednesday (27th Jan), parents and carers will receive an email from their child's new class teacher.

This email will introduce the teacher, the class name and it will also indicate the classroom and where the teacher will meet them on the first 3 days of school. No more crowding around a big board on the first day trying to see which class your child is in!!!

To ensure that we have a smooth start to the new school year, we will have a "staggered" start on the first 3 days back at school. These arrangements will also give parents / carers the opportunity to meet their child's teacher if they wish.

Please note the times and places for drop off and pick up on the next page.



The teaching, administration and leadership teams wish you a very merry break and we'll see you for the start of the 2021 school year on **Wednesday 27 January**.

Kim McNamara, WESS Principal

Stage 2 timeline

Current & over holidays - soil preparation works

Early 2021 - Stage 2a - 4-storey learning centre (M-block) construction starts

2021 - Stage 2a - the administration and library link building construction starts. Stage 2b - the Performing Arts Centre construction starts

Late 2021 - Stage 2a - M-block, the administration and library link building completed

2022 - Yr 5 and Yr 6 start the year in M-block

Mid-2022 - Stage 2b - the Performing Arts Centre completed. Second oval completed

Late 2022 - T-block removed and tennis court re-instated.



2020 - Challenge indeed accepted! Mural by Sofles



Drop Off and Pick Up Processes - 2021

Drop Off – 27th – 29th January 2021 (the first 3 days of school)
Students will meet their new class teacher:

Year Level	Time	Place
Years 4 – 6	8:30am	School oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 – Under RED shed • Year 5 – Under YELLOW shed • Year 6 - Under BLUE shed
Years 2 + 3	8:45am	School oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 – Under YELLOW shed • Year 3 - Under BLUE shed
Year 1	8:45am	Under L Block
Prep	9:00am	Under L Block and then 1 parent / carer can accompany their child up to their classroom

Drop Off – From Monday 1st February 2021

Year Level	Time	Place
Years 2 – 6	From 8:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may access the school grounds via the following entry points. Jane Street – oval gate Vulture Street – front gate Hardgrave Road – pool gate Hardgrave Road – oval gate + Drop Off/Pick up Zone (2 minute) Horan Street – gate near OHSC/hall + Drop Off/Pick up Zone (2 minute) • Students then wait in Dirram Yani until the bell.
Prep + Year 1	From 8:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the school grounds via the gate located on Ambleside Street. • Students will be met by staff members and directed to their classrooms (Prep- Term 1) and/or the undercroft area (Prep – Term 2-4 and Year 1 all year). <p><i>NB – Prep/Year 1 students accompanied by siblings or older students may choose to enter through alternative gates and older siblings of Prep/Year 1 students may use the L Block gate if they are accompanying younger siblings.</i></p>

Pick Up Processes - 2021

Year Level	Time	Place
Years 4 – 6	2:45pm	School oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 – Under RED shed • Year 5 – Under YELLOW shed • Year 6 - Under BLUE shed
Year 1 - 3	3:00pm	Parents / carers / siblings meet students on school oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 - Under RED shed • Year 2 – Under YELLOW shed • Year 3 - Under BLUE shed
Prep	3:00pm	Parents / carers / siblings meet students Under L Block

Artist impression of M-block (completion 2021)



When M-block is completed it will link to L-block ensuring we all stay connected.

It will comprise of

- 4 storeys
- 18 classrooms
- staff room
- library
- administrative hub for internal student services
- play areas
- undercroft
- P&C office and uniform shop.

Looking to M-block (completion 2021)

'We are so looking forward to having such a dynamic and innovative space to work with our students; one where we can collaborate effectively both within our year level teams and across year levels as well. Our new L-block is so impressive, it's exciting to think M-block will be just as spectacular.'



Carolyn Cowan, 5CT teacher



'Being a long-standing staff member, I have witnessed the amazing growth and evolution of the school. Being able to welcome the Year 5 and 6 students to M-block in 2022 is so exciting. What an innovative learning space it will be to nurture the seniors of the school!'

Antonia Bellas, Year Level Leader

Construction of our future through our WESS connectedness. Our year 3 students will move to their new building in year 5 in 2022. They are really looking forward to finding their way to the new classrooms to explore:-



Better
shady areas
to relax

Wall and
desk white
boards

New play equipment

New technology

Open spaces

More
space to
work

Different
decorations

The
interconnected
classrooms

Cool
things

Cool
Cosy
cushions
in
reading
areas

Feeling inspired to
come to school
every day

3KS students thinking about M-block, their future classroom base for year 5

WESS Performing Arts Complex (PAC) (completion 2022) & the Campus Heart



PAC Kitchen

The new PAC kitchen comprising tuckshop, café and catering will feature a complete commercial kitchen with

- large, walk-in cool room
- commercial cookery equipment
- large preparation areas.

'Our new kitchen facility will give the P&C the ability to prepare food for the smaller tuckshop as well as the PAC tuckshop. Through it we can offer catering to outside groups hiring the PAC. We will also have the ability to prepare and store food for P&C events such as Fiesta and the Thursday night swim club.'

The café will operate from early morning, serving coffee and breakfast to staff before school opens, as well as serving morning coffees for parents and carers after drop-off.'



Donna Stack , WESS P&C Association Office Manager, and former catering chef who has been advising on the PAC kitchen

L-block review

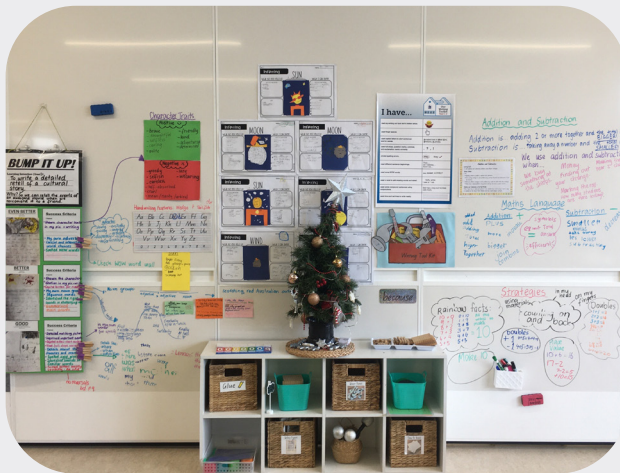
'The best thing about the early years classrooms that make up L-block is that, put simply, they provide countless opportunities - to create, explore, collaborate, inquire and much more - every day we find new ways to use the flexible spaces of L-block.'

One highlight for me would be the whiteboard walls which allow students and teachers to co-construct learning walls that anchor and connect key learning.

All learning spaces are special and inviting for both students and teachers, every day is a new and exciting opportunity for all that use them!'



Carly Rees, 1CR teacher



1CR's whiteboard wall

'Learning in L-block is fantastic because the whiteboard tables let us do any learning on them.'

Khantselmeg, 1CR



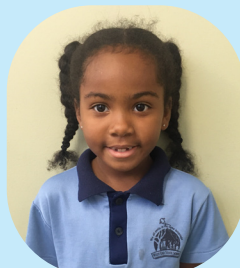
'Learning in L-block is extraordinary because it's so big and has a good view. It is easy to space out and think more carefully sometimes on your own.'

Ada, 1CR



'Learning in L-block is awesome because we always learn new things'

Kiara, 1CR



L-block classrooms and shaded play

L-block review

'I love teaching in L-block because it really is purpose built for the Early Years. Our teaching and learning spaces are light, airy and cool and the acoustics are amazing. The flexibility of the spaces allows us to work as a class or work collaboratively, meeting the needs and interests of our young learners.'



Lisa Wallace, Prep teacher



Martin and his Christmas craft creation

'The Co Lab space is the best because co is short for collaboration which means working together and that means we get to work together and we get to work with other classes too.'

Augie, Prep



Creative callout delivered

Last BOF we called for local creatives to help us acknowledge and celebrate the creativity and artistry of the West End community. The school's Creativity Professional Learning Committee received submissions from local creatives including a photographer keen to work with students and put together a showcase and an artist specialising in mathematical visualisations.

We are still happy to receive expressions of interest if you would also like to foster creativity among our students! Please send your expressions of interest to the Creativity Professional Learning Committee care of Jenny Smith at jsmit68@eq.edu.au



Merry Christmas and Happy Festive Season!



Lennox from 1CR spreading Christmas cheer with his art