



Kim McNamara, WESS Principal



4AL's word art expressing their feelings and thoughts about the new building and their proposed move there next year.

WESS Stage 2 construction at sunrise



Building timeline

End of 2021—M-block, a 4-storey learning building, & link building

- 18 teaching rooms for Yr 5 & 6
- student services
- second library
- staffroom
- playgrounds, including nature play

Early 2022

- Performing Arts Centre
- carpark
- campus heart
- oval

Road closure over the holidays

Wednesday 7 April

Full closure—Amersham St 6.30am-6pm

Part closure—Ambleside St 6.30am-6pm

A tower crane is being installed onsite the Amersham project.

Stage 2 artist impression



Stage 2 build



If you have any questions regarding the construction, please email the project team at BuildingFutureSchools@qed.qld.gov.au

Inspecting the building



More than a building site—WESS selected as a Spotlight School!

WESS is now a Spotlight School for the Early Years! We have been recognised for our excellence in transition to school and our teaching practice during the early years, and we are now looked upon as a leading school in this area.

Each of the 7 regions across the state selected one school, and WESS was selected for the Metropolitan Region!!

Deputy Principal for the Early Years, Sheree Carr, whose leadership has been integral to WESS's Spotlight School recognition, with Possums's students celebrating WESS's new status.



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New library design—incorporating nature into learning

We value our green spaces and the joy and sense of well-being that immersing in nature promotes. Compassion is a WESS value—compassion for nature reflects this and also reflects the values of our wider community.

The second library in the link building, linking L-block with the Yr 5 & 6 building, will house more than 2,000 books, revealing thousands of stories to WESS students. The nature design for the library was inspired by libraries internationally that have incorporated real and figurative nature themes. The new WESS library will include

- 2 large bookshelf trees
- specially designed spaces for living plants
- flexible furniture, on wheels
- 2 teaching spaces that can reconfigure to a large space
- large, multipurpose space
- 'private' nooks and crannies to curl up with a book or share one with a friend
- storage
- display space to promote more books and a greater love of reading.

Library team (L-R) Tania Venuto, Paola Coffey, Natasha Chiu, & Mary Skarparis.



Artist impression of the link building library design

The library, incorporating plants both living and wooden in the form of bookshelf trees, signals security, calmness, and well-being—who doesn't want to sit beneath a beautiful tree to read!

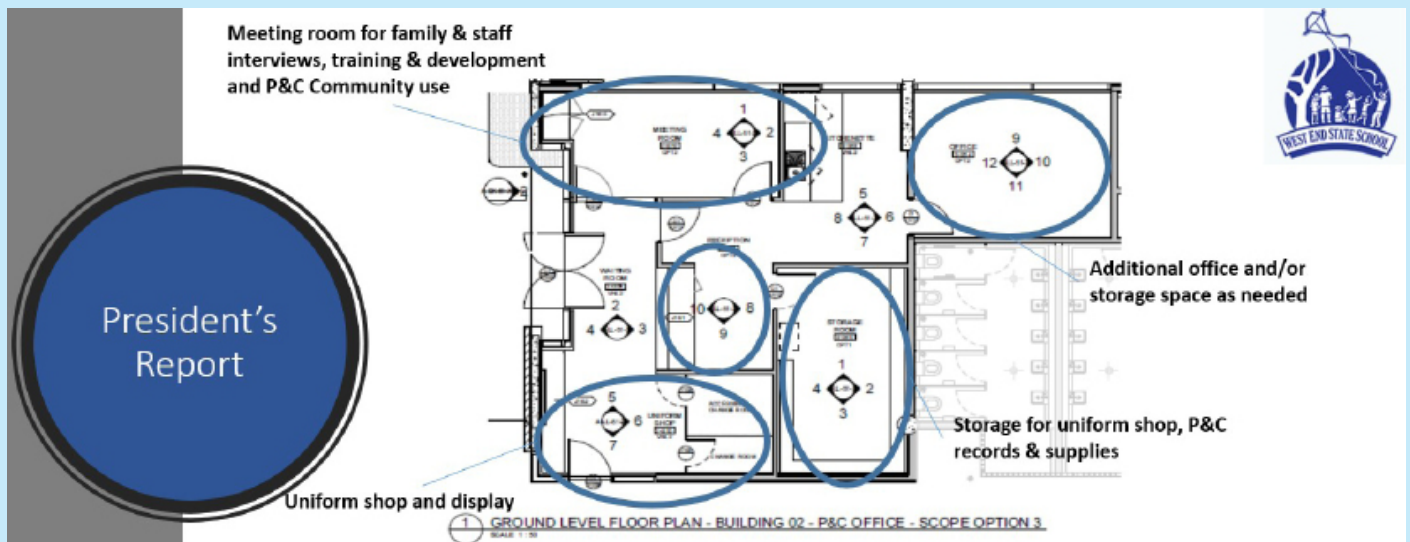
The current K-block library and the new link building library will operate as 2 library locations serving as the WESS library. Both locations will hold lessons and have borrowing times, and students can borrow and return from either location.

We hope the link building library location joins our K-block library to become a much-loved space where everyone feels welcome at any time.

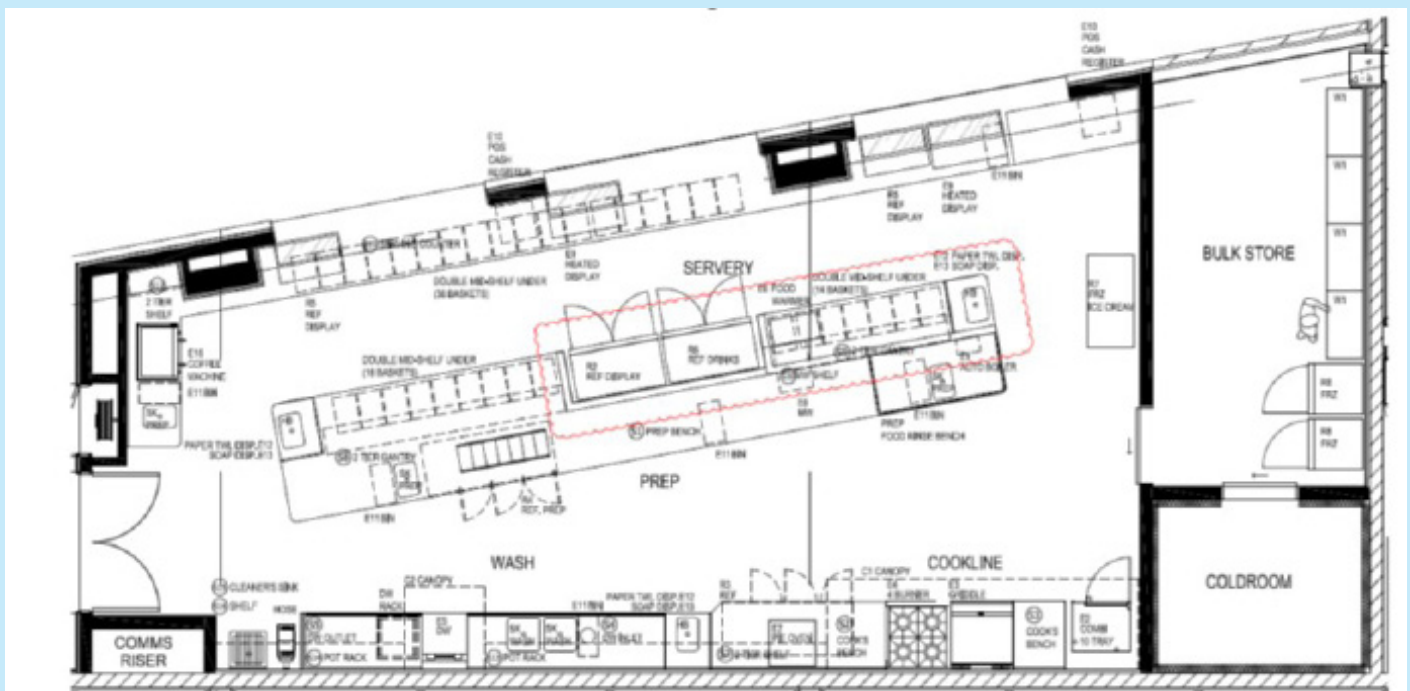
P&C contributions—how you've helped the building works

Each year, WESS P&C contributes to the school and thanks to the contributions of the hundreds of volunteers who assist the P&C and all P&C staff, this year the P&C will also contribute \$300,000 to the building works. These funds will go towards

- 100sqm P&C administrative space including office, business and community meeting room
- much-needed larger uniform shop
- commercial kitchen / canteen fitted with commercial-grade appliances such as a 10-tray combi oven and a 4-gas burner/oven, passthrough dishwasher, and coffee machine. The new commercial kitchen / canteen will be located in the Performing Arts Complex.



Performing Arts Complex commercial kitchen / canteen



How you, through the P&C, support WESS

The P&C supports WESS through the operation of the

- Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)
- tuckshop (current and the new Performing Arts Complex kitchen and canteen)
- uniform shop
- swim club and after school swimming lessons
- tennis courts
- 'FUNdraising activities to support the school.

As well as the P&C's investment in infrastructure and the school's growth, the P&C will continue to provide resources and facilities including

- the annual IT device support
- student reading materials
- new bike/scooter racks
- oval maintenance and groundkeeping support
- swimming pool equipment (pool cover, heating blanket, lane ropes)
- in-class swim coach assistance.

The P&C will also support the WESS Stage 2 delivery and ongoing school infrastructure investment beyond 2021.

Meet the P&C Executive



Donovan Marsh,
P&C President



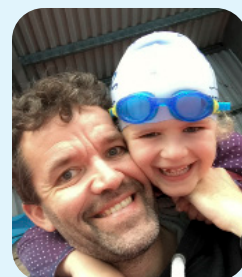
David Woolley,
P&C Treasurer



Kristine Banks,
P&C Executive



Elizabeth Smedley,
P&C Fundraising



Patrick Van Weeren,
P&C Secretary

The P&C's vision is to create community spaces as part of Stage 2 that will further connect WESS parents and carers and be able to offer more to the school community.

I am hoping and looking forward to the new space allowing the non OSHC P&C staff and volunteers (such as those working in the P&C Office, tuckshop, uniform shop, swim club, and FUNdraising coordination) to continually cope with the growth in the school and respond with broadening P&C services.

The new space frees up the hall for OSHC. This is much needed because OSHC looks after more than 500 children every week, that is almost half of the families at WESS using OSHC across the week!

Donovan Marsh, P&C President.

All that is missing is you ...

It's a jungle out there and our school is too overgrown for our groundskeepers to upkeep WESS.

We love being a green school, but our gardening staff allocation doesn't cover the maintenance. Our gardeners need help with weeding, trimming, topping up and planting on an ongoing basis. We supply everything ... we just need your time and green thumb.

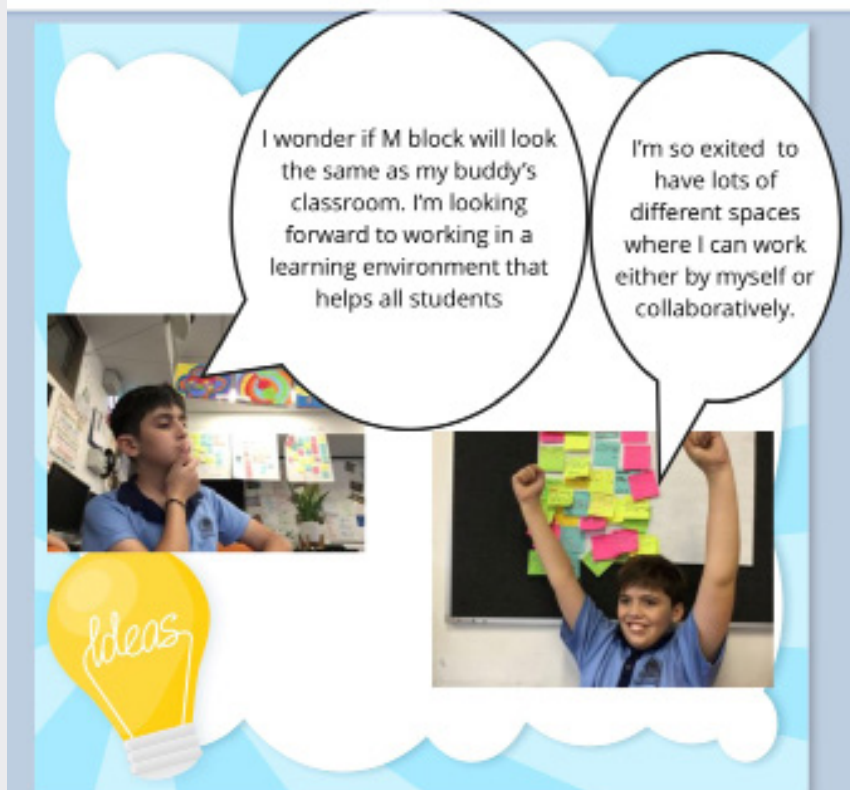
So, if you like gardening, we want to hear from you!

Email kjone470@eq.edu.au to get involved.

Do you see yourself in this picture? We hope so!

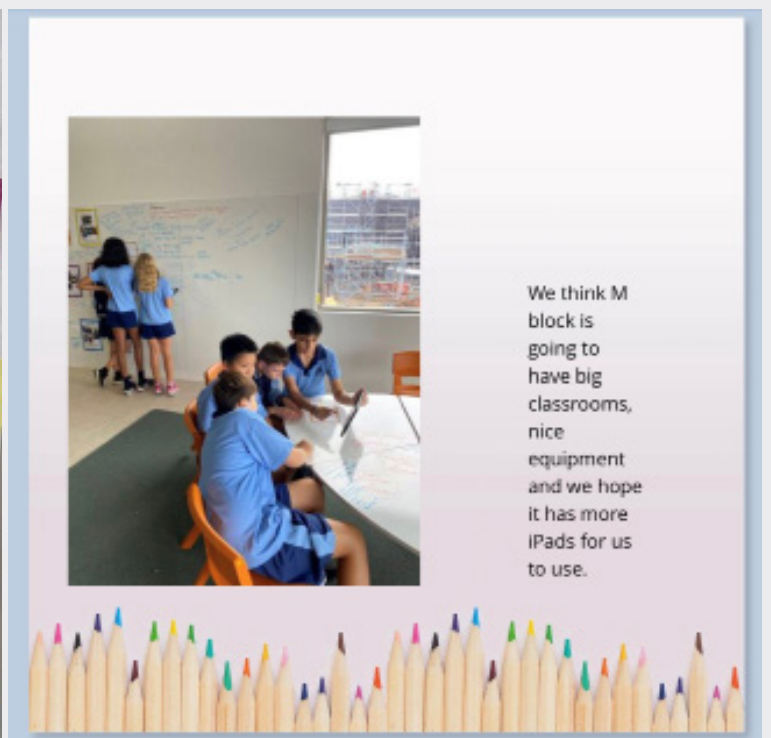
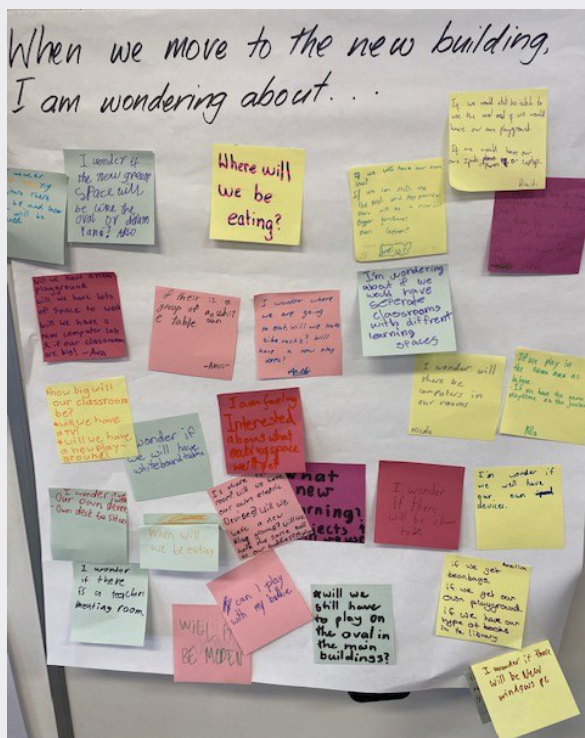
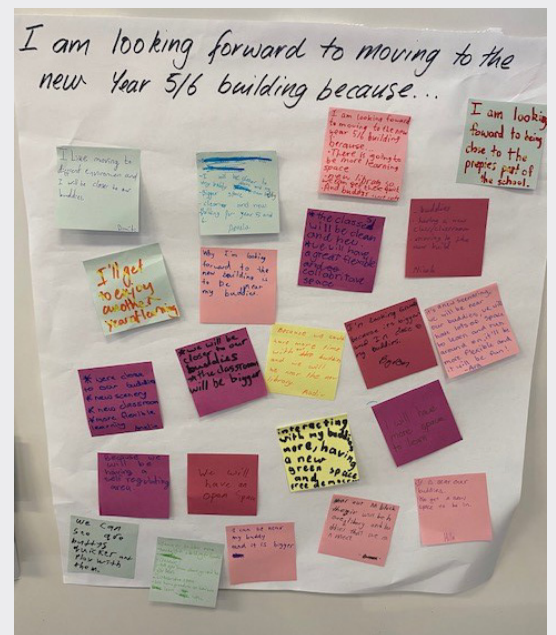


5MW students on the new buildings...



Some students are just too excited for words

5MW students on the new buildings...



One happy project co-ordinator



Principal Project Co-ordinator, Kat Klein, explaining dimensions for Stage 2