

Communication Portal

Port Macquarie Stage 2



Design update: Stage 2 development

Dear Users,

We are investing \$40M in the next stage of the Port Macquarie Campus in response to the success of the Stage 1 development and preparing for campus growth over the coming years. This is the first instalment of a regular newsletter providing an update to Port Macquarie Staff & Students regarding this next stage – Stage 2.

The first half of 2018 has seen plenty of action from the Planning & Design Team. Our key focus has been mapping out each stage of the project in detail over the next 2 – 3 years and understanding what key milestones need to be hit in order for us to bring the new building online as quickly as possible.

Commencing the design and obtaining a clear brief from the CSU stakeholder groups has been fundamental to getting started. We spoke to several user groups in February and March about their detailed needs for the new building, and have started putting pen to paper to show what this might look like architecturally. A work-in-progress presentation was given to Port Macquarie staff on 3 April 2018, and from this we recorded extensive feedback and comments. We are working through these comments and will be able to address some of them further at the next work-in-progress presentation.

The basic building shape has now been determined and will take the form of a single two (2) storey building which runs parallel to the green corridor opposite Stage 1. It will be designed for easy facilitation of the next phases of the development in line with the Master Plan.

We now know that to address CSU's comprehensive needs for Stage 2, additional funding will be required. The design as it stands captures a limited scope in line with the confirmed funding amount, with a number of extra components to be reviewed subject to a government application for funding.

Current progress: What is happening now?

- CSU has submitted an application for initial consideration by the Federal Government for funding associated with Regional Growth. We are expecting news on this front in the coming months.
- CSU is drafting an application for consideration by the State Government for Education funding. Feedback on this application is more likely to be received towards the end of 2018.
- We are absorbing the feedback that the CSU stakeholder groups have provided and considering how it can be captured in the design. Another work-in-progress presentation will be provided in due course (expected to be July).
- We are working through feedback regarding the staff office areas and confirm that a hybrid open plan style layout will go ahead. The design team is looking at feedback relating to acoustics, capacity and general flow, and has plenty of ideas to combat these issues you have observed. We will be arranging a follow-up workshop with the staff office user group soon.
- We are investigating the relocation of the recreation area onto the Residential site as it currently sits within the building platform.
- We are working through some high-risk planning issues which need to be resolved for us to progress the design – a strategy should be in place by mid-June – after which we will re-engage with a number of specific user groups for ongoing detailed briefing and design review, and schedule the next work-in-progress presentation.

Upcoming agenda: Dates and times

Project Control Group (PCG) Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th June 2018 at 10.30am via Teleconference

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