

Communication Portal

Port Macquarie Stage 2



August 2018: Stage 2 Development Update

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 second instalment of a regular newsletter providing an update to Port Macquarie Staff & Students regarding this next stage – Stage 2.

With the key requirements of the Stage 2 project locked down, our project team's focus over the last month has been to grow our understanding of the site so that the building goes ahead as harmoniously as possible with its surrounds and local environment. This has seen us place particular importance on local ecology, with our ecological consultant conducting a week's worth of fieldwork in the unformed road reserve and strip of trees running between the existing Stage 1 and future Stage 2. From the study we concluded that the reserve plays an important role for koalas, squirrel gliders, swift parrots and potentially even grey-nosed flying foxes. In recognition of this, the project team decided to move the building 9.5m further South, away from the trees. This change has resulted in some re-work and delay for the architect and design team, but allows us to minimise the number of trees removed for the project and therefore reduce the ecological impact of construction.

The relocation of the current Student Recreation Area (to allow for Stage 2) sees the final design now completed and currently being priced. The new Student Recreation space is intended to be developed within the Student Residential precinct (subject to finalisation with the landowner) and will consist of;

- the existing 1/2 size sports court increased to full size
- additional tables and seating included and incorporated with the relocated existing structure and BBQ

- generous grassed areas
- raised garden beds with additional seating and
- new amenities structure.

What else is happening?

- We are waiting for feedback on our application for Commonwealth funding and finalising our application for State funding;
- We are consolidating the design documentation together with a series of consultant reports and assessments in order to submit an early works planning application;
- Once the abovementioned early works planning approval is close to being finalised we will submit a development application to Port Macquarie Hastings Council;
- We are scheduling out the detailed design phase over July and August, which will include detailed user briefings and reviews with staff and students.
- The project is out to tender for a builder and briefing meetings will be held on site Tuesday 8th August 2018.

Design Progress:

Stage 2:

This image of the Stage 2 Building is a preliminary artist's impression and are subject to change as the detail design is completed. More images can be found [here](#) under the Resources heading.



Student Recreation Area:



Project Control Group (PCG) Meetings:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9th August 2018 at 10.30am via Teleconference.

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