$10,000,000 BUILDING PROJECT REDEVELOPMENT

After many months of deliberation with the Education Department, Architects, School Council members, teachers and students, we are very close to finalising the structural plans for our amazing STEM education facility at the Niddrie Campus. You are invited to view the latest plans in the Niddrie Campus foyer.

The Project Manager has been appointed and site management of the students has been discussed. Essendon Keilor College values every member of our School Community and will continue to provide a guaranteed viable curriculum, to all students. Because of the building works at the Niddrie Campus next year, there will need to be a change in how the Junior Campuses are organised.

- All Year 8 and 9 students in 2017 will be based at the East Keilor Campus
- Year 7 students enrolled at the Niddrie Campus will remain on the Niddrie site to experience the excitement of the development of the new facility and then move into the new building in 2018

We already have plans in place to support students and teachers during the disruption that will be caused by the building project and we will work with families to overcome concerns that arise from these changes.

Families with any concerns should not hesitate to contact:

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Additional Information

• **Building Plans**
  The Library and the Gymnasium will remain and the rest of the school will be demolished
  - This will improve the safety of students and staff
  - Provide us with the most modern facility in the area
  - This will provide our future students with the facilities to teach a curriculum that matches the needs of the next generation of students

• **Time line for Construction**
  - Library improvements 2015
    1. Carpet
    2. Painting
    3. Laptops
  - Plans approved soon
  - Original buildings prepared for demolition by 22nd December
  - Demolition early January 2017 - this must be completed when students are not in attendance at both the secondary and primary schools
  - Building begins late January 2017
  - Buildings completed November 2017

• **Time line for Students**
  - **24th August 2016** meeting to inform and discuss with parents the proposed construction and management of the project
  - **5th December 2016** Year 9 into 10 Orientation to the senior site
  - **6th December 2016** - Orientation Day for Grade 6 students
  - **7th December 2016** until the end of Term 4, Year 7 and 8 students complete an Orientation to the East Keilor Campus (tour, introductions, combined performance assembly, sporting activities, level assemblies)
  - **12th December 2016** end of year Activities Program run from East Keilor Campus
  - **31st January 2017** Students resume
    - Year 7 to the Niddrie Campus
    - Year 8 and 9 Students attend the East Keilor Campus
Year 8 and 9 at East Keilor Campus

- EKC is a College with the same Policies and Procedures
- Students already participate in a range of cross college activities. At the sports events we are often the ones asking students to sit in their Campus groups
- Student numbers at East Keilor - there will be 220 students at East Keilor and 70 at Niddrie (530 at Essendon)
- We value the relationships we have built with families and students
- Groups of students who work effectively with each other will remain together for 2017. This may result in cross college groupings. Groups may also alter to improve the gender balance
- In the main, their teachers will be familiar with your child
- Year 9 students will have a wider choice of electives so classes will be mixed during these times according to student choice
- Year 9 students will have a year to get to know each other prior to attending the Senior Campus

Year 7 at Niddrie

- Curriculum will be maintained. This may necessitate some excursions to the other sites to ensure all tasks are completed. Alternatively, it may raise some opportunities to complete activities in a different way. e.g. a pictorial record of the new development, working with the landscape architects to design and prepare the grounds. Subjects such as coding, robotics and game-making will be included in the curriculum. Extra curricula activities such as aerobics, State Schools Spectacular will still be available to all students
- There will be a core group of 4/5 teachers involved with the students so that they can build solid relationships with those staff

TRANSPORT

This is a preliminary discussion as we need to discuss with families their individual needs. We have provided maps for walking, driving and public transport.

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We are working with the Canteen to ensure families are offered a service during 2017.

FAMILIES WITH ANY CONCERNS NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THESE AS WE VALUE EVERY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

ALTERNATIVELY, THERE IS A FEEDBACK SHEET.
## Rebuilding Niddrie Campus STEM Facility

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