

# Briefing Pack

UPGRADING FACILITIES PROGRAM  
Rangeview Primary School

Planning for Our Future Survey

August 2021



# About the project

## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This stakeholder guide provides an overview of the master plan concept and future investment into the facilities and grounds at Rangeview Primary School in Mitcham.

It includes:

- Information about the community engagement progress (page 2)
- Frequently Asked Questions (pages 2-3)
- Sharing information about the project with our community (page 3).

## AN OVERVIEW OF RANGEVIEW UPGRADES

Rangeview PS is a much-loved community hub in a natural treed setting and surrounded by residential housing. The school has an enrolment ceiling of 700 since November 2020 due to high demand and the limited site capacity. The main buildings are ageing LTCs and there are seven mod 5 relocatable buildings.

There are projects underway and about to start and projects for future funding.

- The proposed redevelopment of the oval banks into an outdoor learning space and sensory gardens with \$200,000 funding from the Inclusive Schools Grant in 2021. This will create an innovative play space that all children can enjoy, and it will run the length of the school oval.
- This new playscape will provide an accessible, nature-based play experience that taps into environmental setting of the school
- Minor Capital Maintenance grants in 2020/2021 will upgrade the senior and junior amenities.
- The development of a master plan concept in 2020 started with staff and school council and seeks further stakeholder input in 2021.

- Overall facilities upgrades include the replacement of older play equipment and improving the school oval.

## PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION- PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Phase 1 of community consultation took place in 2020 to determine the vision for the masterplan concept of the main building being replaced with a contemporary three-story building on a smaller footprint. This started with the school council, staff and student representation.

The current Phase 2 is presenting the draft designs of the master plan concept and the and playscape on the oval banks to the community for feedback.

Consultation is launching on Friday 6th August 2021 and will close on Friday 27th August. Participants are invited to have a say on the building design via:

- [Online survey form - \*\*Community Feedback - Our Future Plan\*\*](#)
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- **Over email at [rangeview.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:rangeview.ps@education.vic.gov.au)**

At this stage, we are seeking an Expression of Interest to attend a community information session through the Google form Planning For Our Future survey (link above).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Rangeview upgrade project?

Part 1: A master plan concept for a future purpose-built Admin and Learning Centre with phases of the build. Stage 1 would include the admin, library, wellbeing, STEM, staff room, art room and 6 classrooms with central areas. Stage 2 is the Town Centre and Stage 3 is the renovation of the South Building.

Part 2: Projects that have been funded and underway with planned outcomes.

Part 3: Future school funded projects to improve play spaces.

### Why are you upgrading the area below the oval and playgrounds?

The oval banks are overgrown and an underutilized space on a limited site.

The other playgrounds at Rangeview are well loved and most are over 20 years old. As a result, some of the play equipment needs replacing over the next 5 years.

The new playscape with deck and sensory garden will be an innovative nature play environment for children and families of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

The upgrades will make sure students can continue to enjoy all that Rangeview has to offer now and into the future.

### What is the Upgrading Facilities Program?

The Upgrading Facilities Program aims to create the vision of Rangeview now and into the future with the current projects and a master plan concept.

The goal is to:

- Outline the long-range vision
- Create a unique place of learning
- Maintain qualities of open space and connection to the environment
- Enhance outdoor play and learning opportunities
- Increase community use of facilities with the purpose built Admin and Learning Centre.

The master plan looks at the opportunities to make more efficient use of the site with design solutions to better utilize the built floor area and improve external play space.

The improved play spaces across the school included in the vision:

- Outdoor Classroom and Sensory Garden within the oval banks will be funded by the Inclusive School Grant.
- Replacement of ageing play equipment and the oval rejuvenation are projects to be funded by the school.
- Amenities upgrade is one of the projects funded through the Minor Capital Maintenance works.

### When will the upgrades be finished?

- The amenities upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.
- Construction of the sensory garden, snakes and ladders playscape and outdoor classroom is expected to start in late 2021 and be finished in early 2022.
- The masterplan concept for the purpose-built Admin and Learning Centre does not yet have funding.

### Who are you consulting with and what about?

In March to September 2020, Rangeview engaged Crosier Scott Architects for a master plan concept. Staff, parent and student representation worked with the architects on the design brief for the Admin and Learning Centre as the phase 1 of the potential build.

The master plan has the further phases to be staged development for the Town Centre and refurbishment of the South Building.

Rangeview sought community ideas and feedback to help design the first phase of the new playscape.

The second stage of engagement where Rangeview is sharing the draft designs of both the master plan concept and the outdoor classroom and sensory garden.

There will be ongoing communications while we construct and deliver the upgrades to the amenities (senior and junior toilets) and the oval banks.

## Community Consultation

The community is invited to have their say on designs for the master plan concept for the Admin and Learning Centre.

A range of images on our school website: Planning For Our Future tab.

Click here to access the survey: [Community Feedback - Our Future Plan survey](#)



North Aspect- all 3 levels (view from the existing basketball courts)



North West aspect

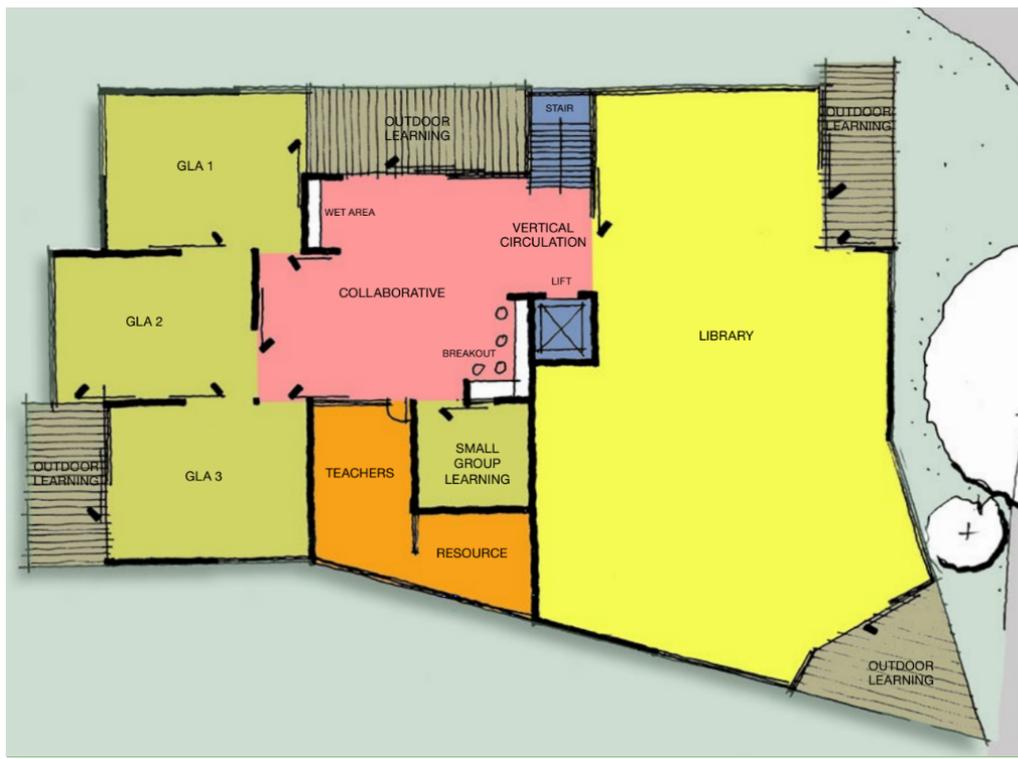
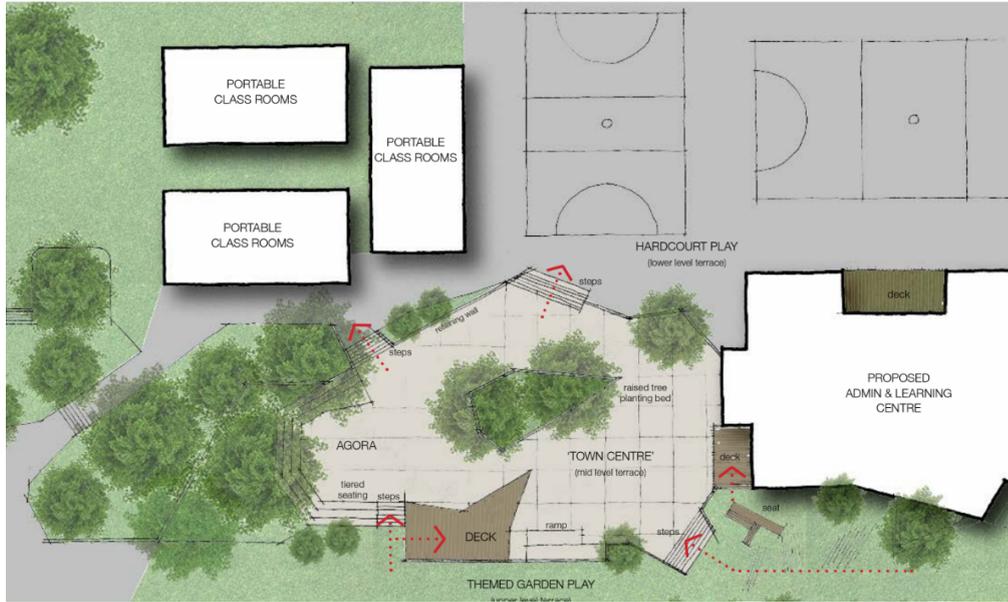


Lower ground



Admin – Ground Floor (approaching from the carpark)

# Stage 2 Town Centre



First Floor – Stage 1 Admin & Learning Centre