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St Vincent's College: Draft Masterplan 2022



Artist preliminary impression

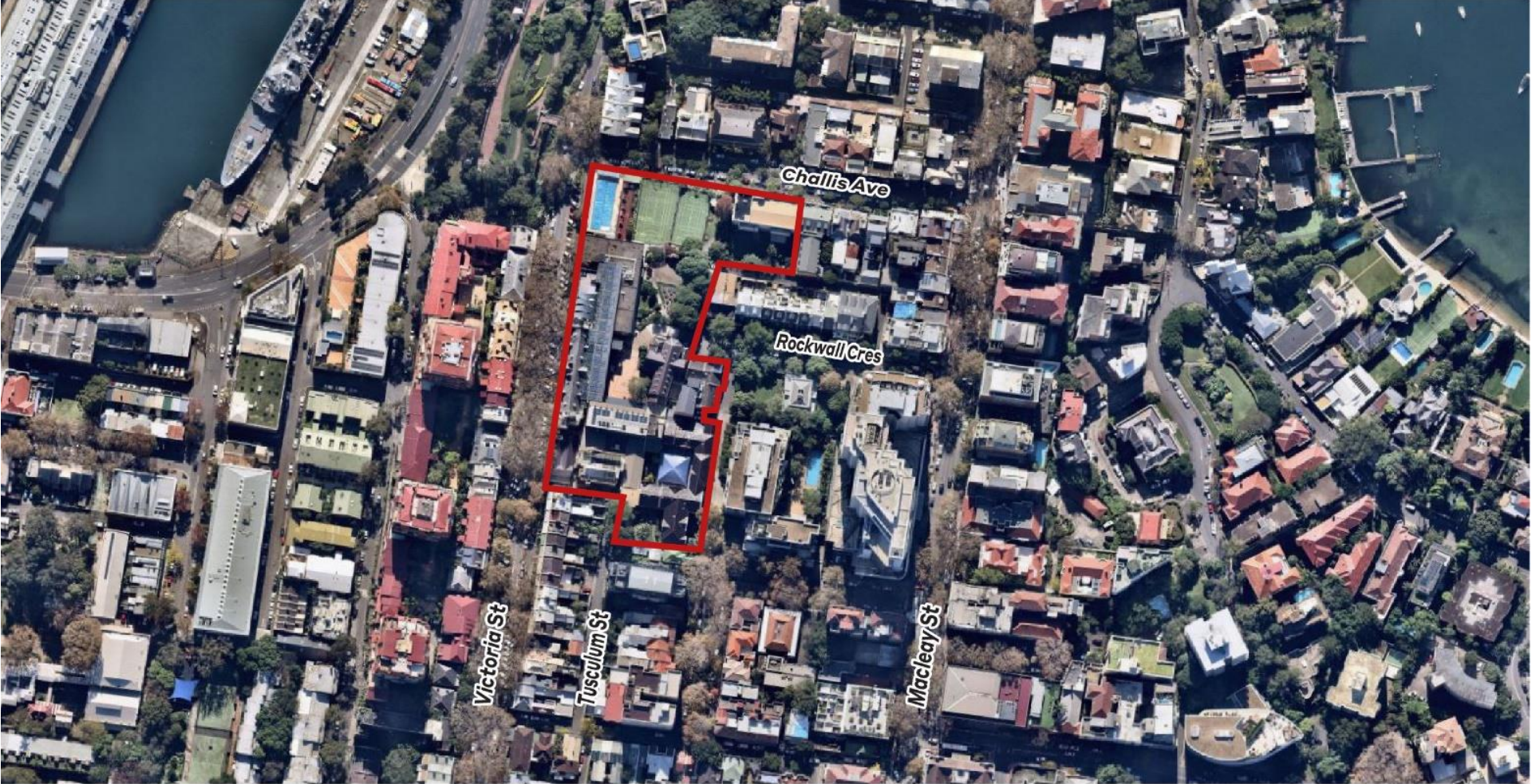
The “Why”

St Vincent's College has undertaken a project masterplan to achieve the following necessary goals:

- To meet contemporary academic, emotional, social, cultural and physical needs of students and staff.
- To provide a whole of school internal gathering place to build and enhance community.
- To provide improved Music and Drama facilities fit for purpose and acoustically treated.
- To address accessibility and inclusivity of movement through the site and between all buildings.
- To improve wellbeing through sport and physical activity within the daily curriculum, on site
- To provide essential sports facilities that are safe & compliant with current building and competition standards.
- To provide a sports curriculum/facilities that are not weather dependent.
- To provide adequate administration space suitable for contemporary work environments
- To respectfully refurbish the heritage buildings for better utilization, integration, and compliance.
- To provide open spaces for learning, relaxing, recreation and mindfulness for day and boarding



Site Context and Analysis



Challis Ave

Rockwall Cres

Victoria St

Tusculum St

Macleay St



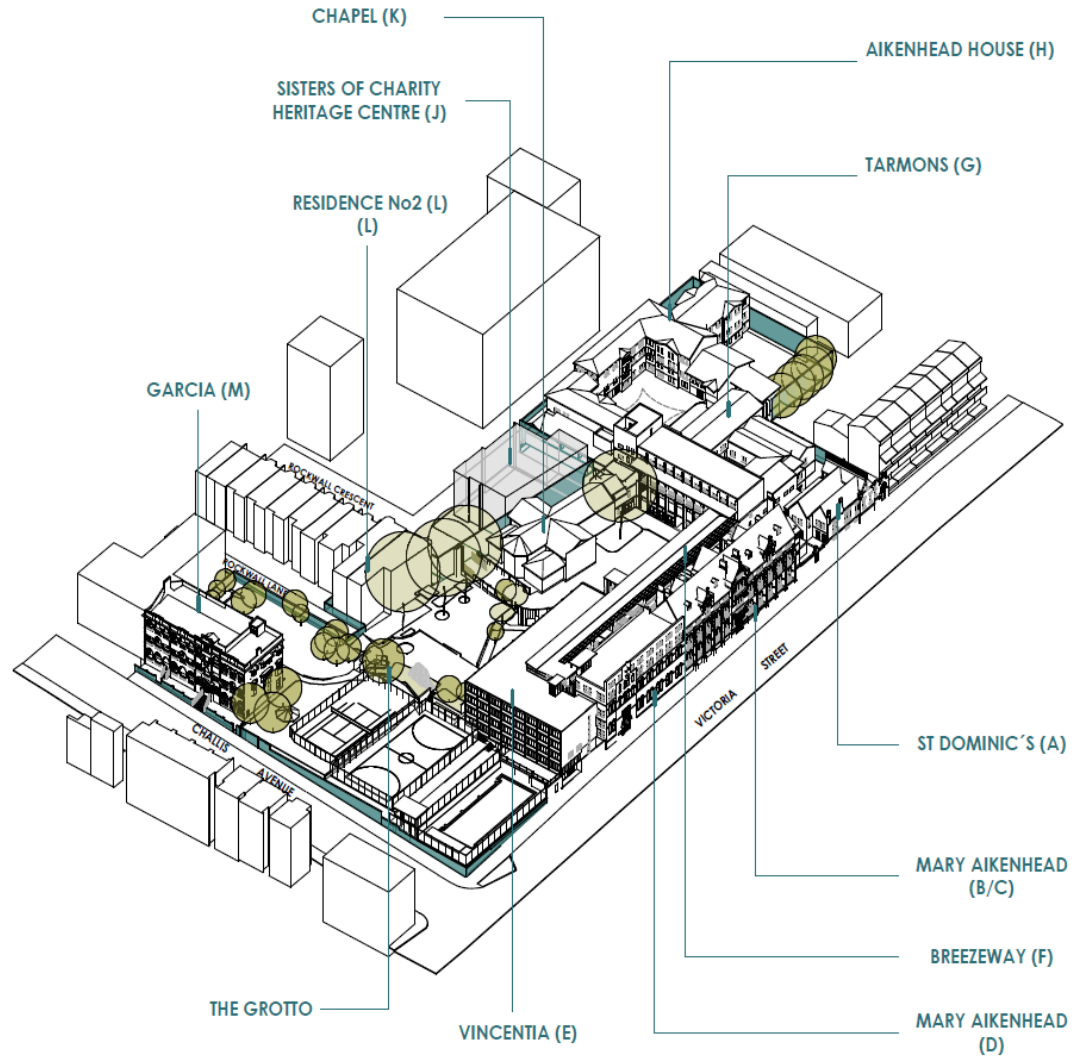
Site Boundaries







Existing Site - 3D View



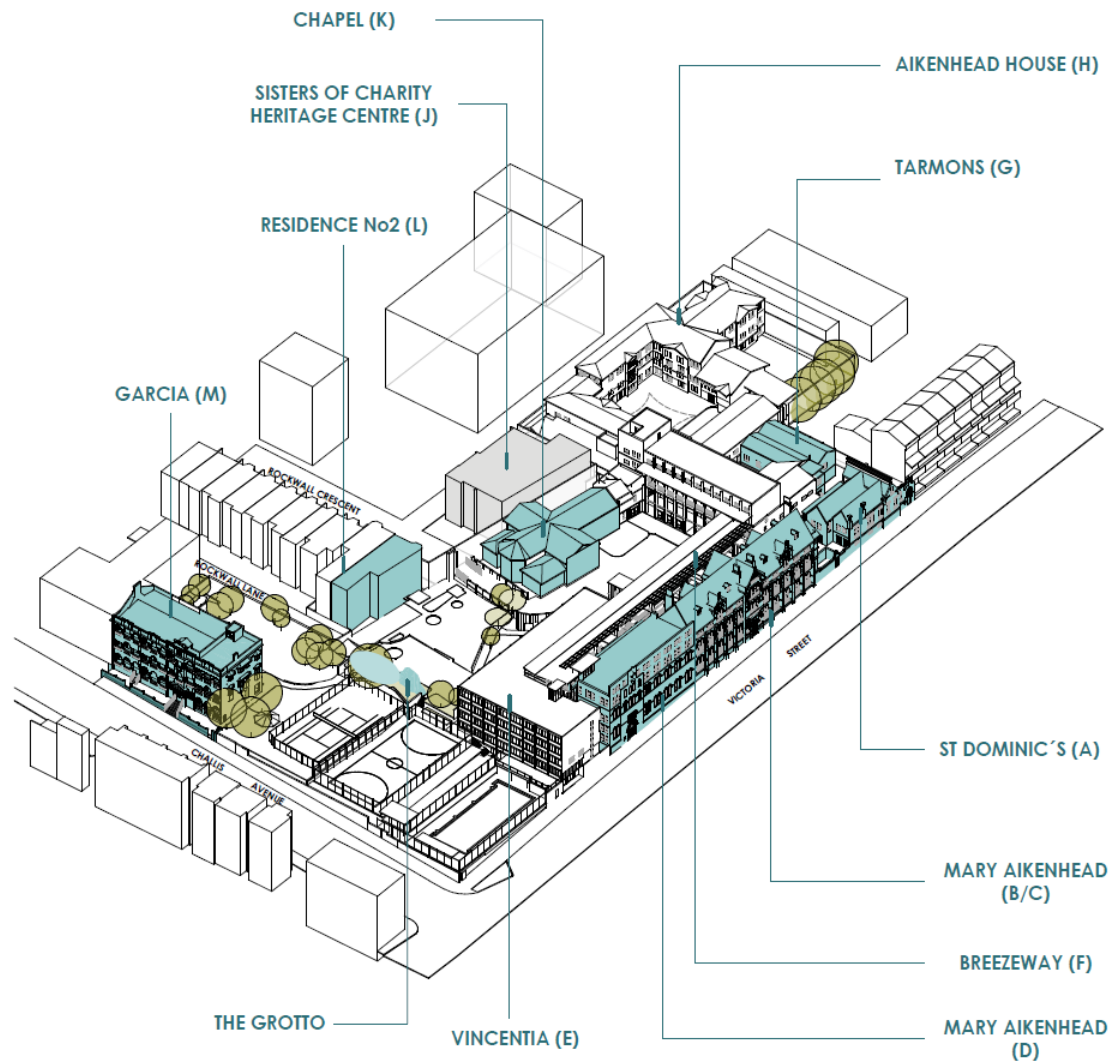
Existing Site - Heritage Items

Item Name: St Vincent's Convent Group
Heritage Type: General
Significance: Local
Item Number: I1121
EPI Name: Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012

Item Name: Potts Point Conservation Area. General
Heritage Type: General
Significance: Local
Item Number: C51
EPI Name: Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012


Item Name: Former Convent 'Bethania' & 'Carmelita'
Heritage Type: General
Significance: Local
Item Number: I1122
EPI Name: Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012

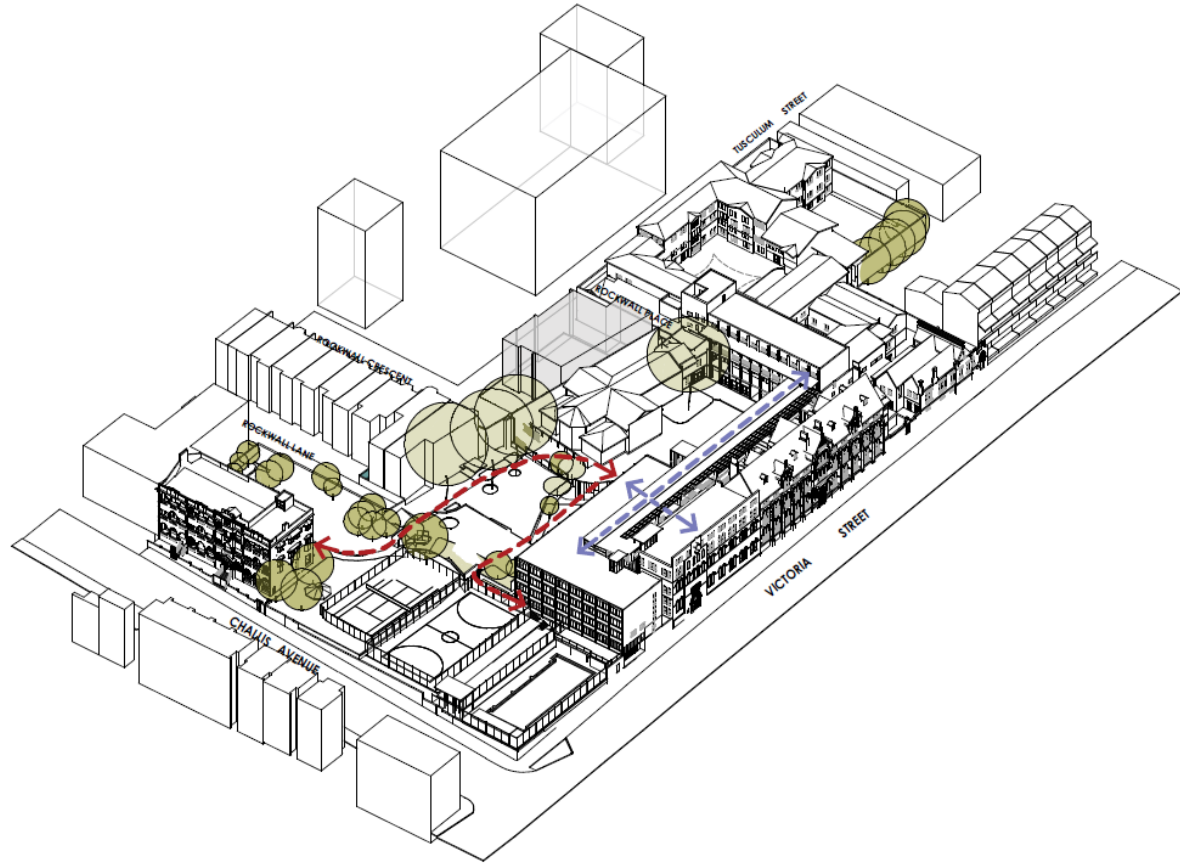
Item Name: Terrace Group
Heritage Type: General
Significance: Local
Item Number: I1173
EPI Name: Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012



Existing Site - Circulation

LEGEND:

-  Covered
-  Uncovered Circulation

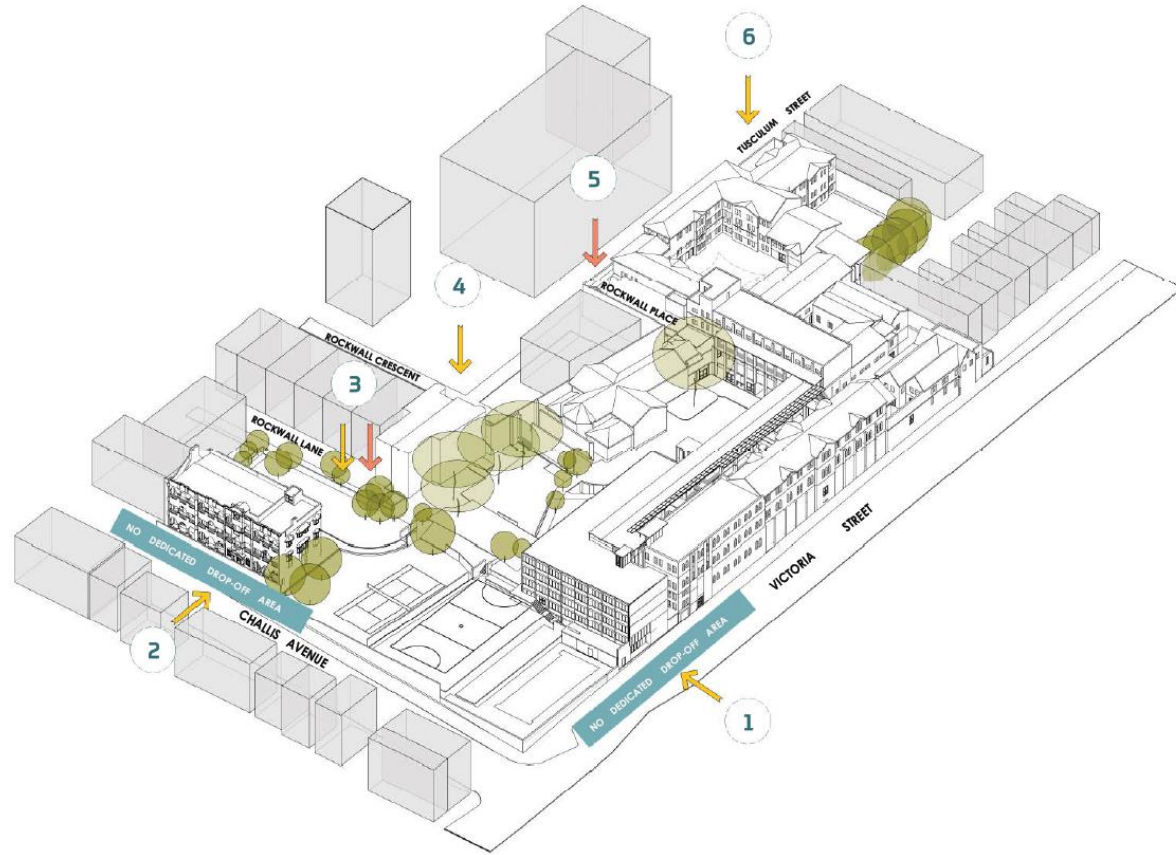


Existing Site - Access and Entry

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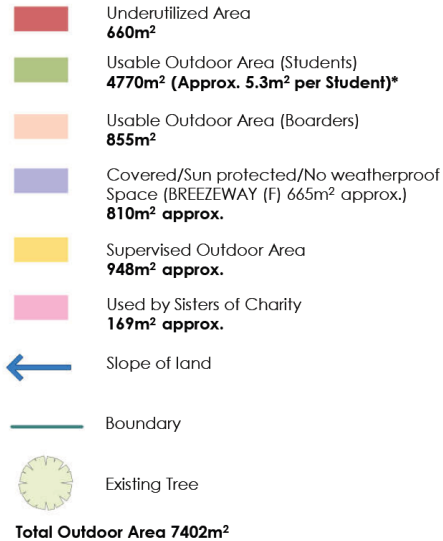


- 1 Main Student and Staff Entry
- 2 GARCIA (M) Building Entry
- 3 Contractors Entry after hours
- 4 Visitors and Students Entry. Secondary Entry
- 5 Deliveries and Contractors Entry
- 6 Borders Entry

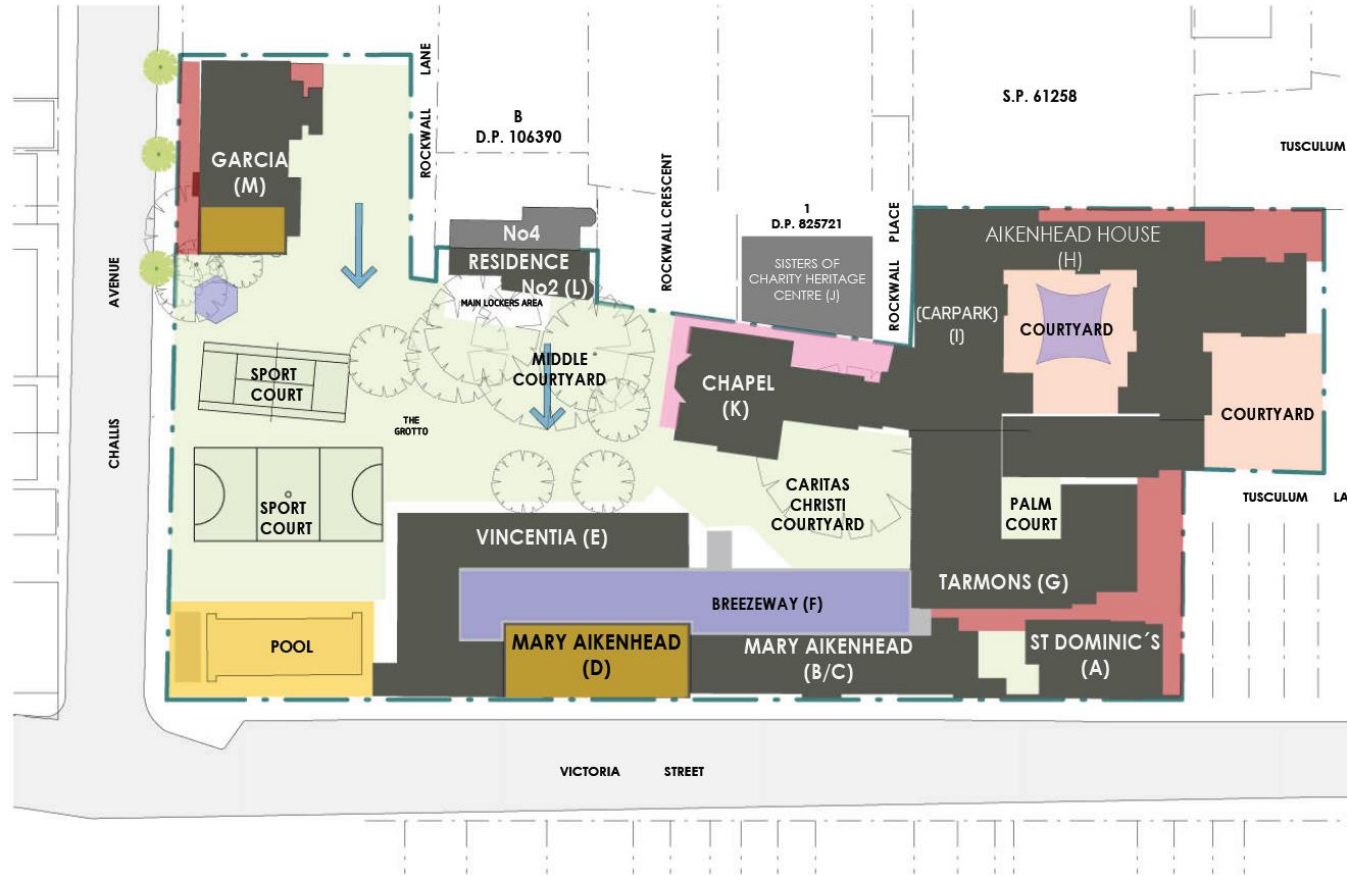


The main student entry is from Victoria Street. A visitors entry (and secondary students entry) is via Rockwall Crescent. The visitors entry is located away from the Reception area in the middle of the site.

Existing Site - Open Space



Note:
*Calculation with 900 students



School Masterplan

2022 Masterplan

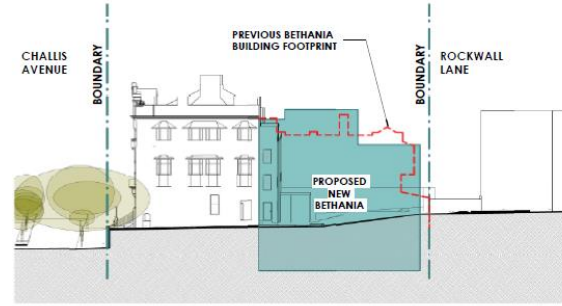
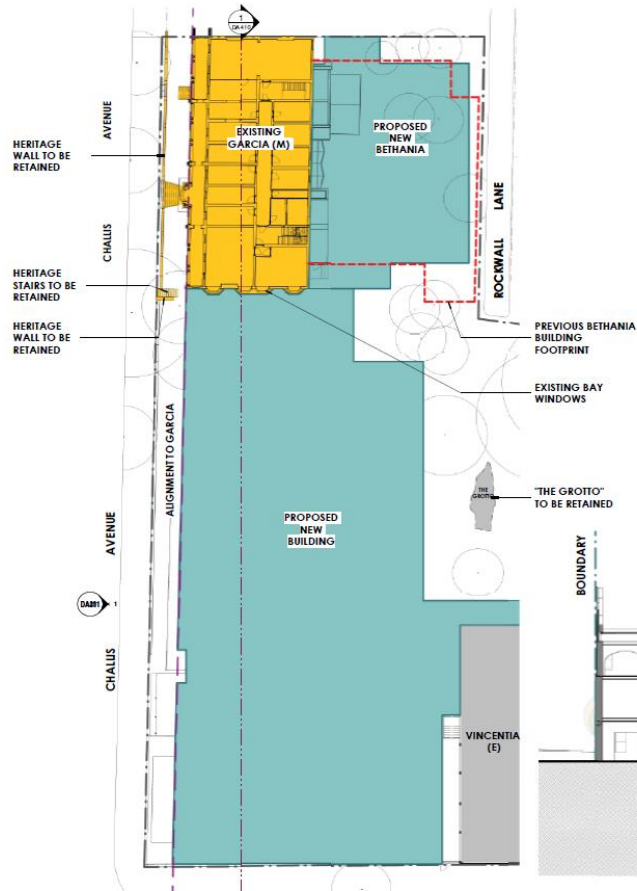
- Construction of a new partially-sunken multi-purpose hall/ sports building at the corner of Challis Ave and Victoria Street, including a water polo pool facility.
- Construction of a new 2/3 storey building with general and music learning facilities fronting Rockwall Lane at the rear of the site (the New Bethania Building), connecting with the existing Garcia Building.
- Improvements to the site access from Challis Ave.
- Minor internal alterations to the existing facilities.
- Landscaping works including a new sports court on the roof of the new hall building.
- Upgrades and augmentation of existing services as required.
- No increase in student/staff population.



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Heritage

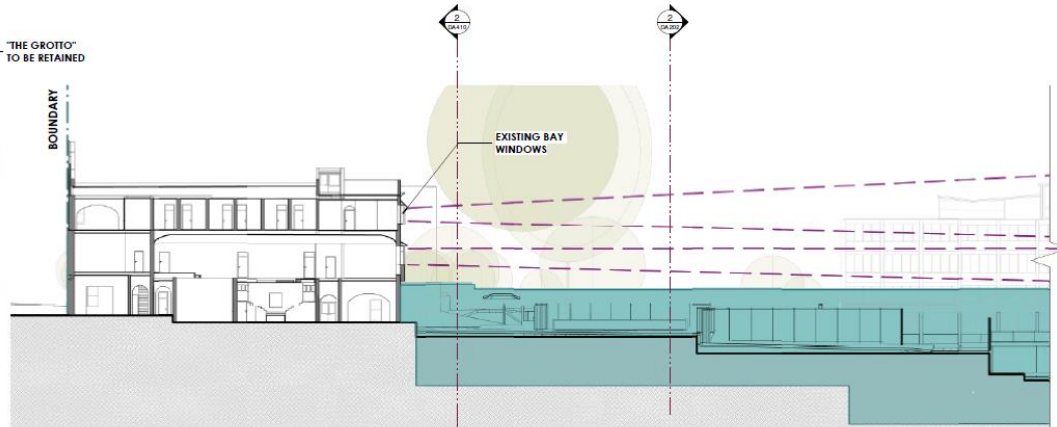
Relationship with Former Bethania Building



HERITAGE RESPONSE - ELEVATION
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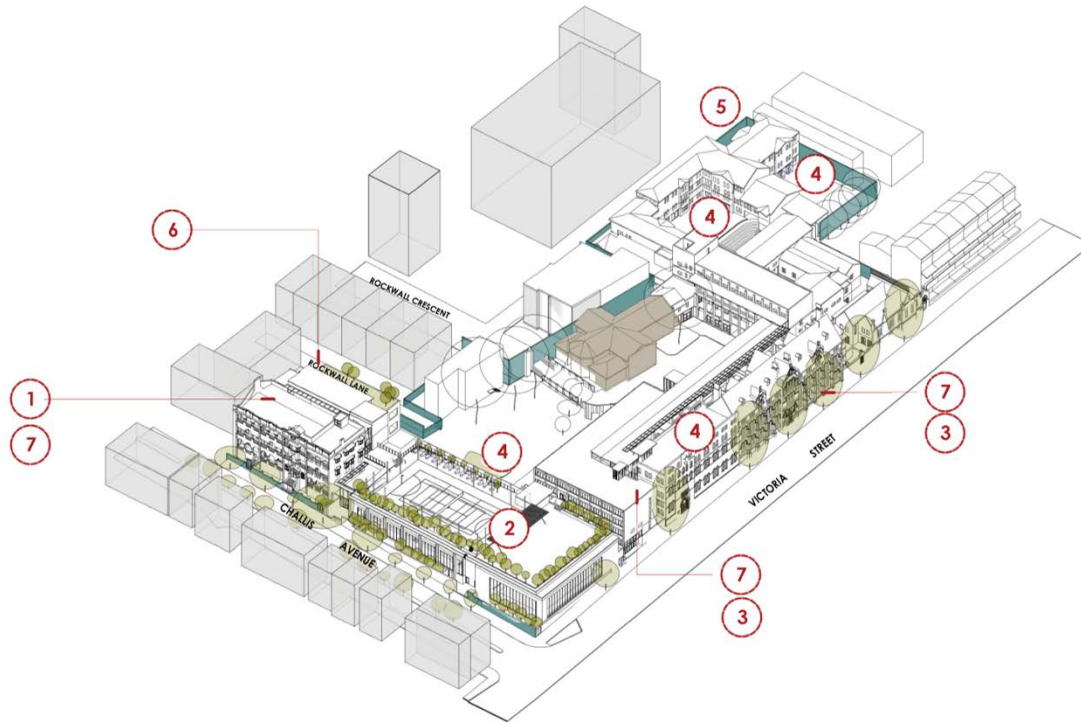
LEGEND

- PREVIOUS BETHANIA BUILDING FOOTPRINT
- PROPOSED BUILDING FOOTPRINT
- HERITAGE STRUCTURE/BUILDING
- ALIGNMENT TO GARCIA / LINES OF VIEW



Design

The Design



Master Plan Projects

- 1 Better utilisation of GARCIA (M) Building
- 2 Whole School Gathering and activity space
- 3 Staff Area Refurbishment
- 4 Improved Campus Experience
- 5 Better utilisation of Boarding
- 6 Proposed executive GLA's and Music Facilities Maintenance Projects
- 7 Improve Learning and Teaching Spaces

Improved Campus Experience

A nature-infused campus with a green heart. Outlooks to the city skyline are maintained, outlook into the re-landscaped 'green heart' are created, significant trees are retained, areas of landscape better connected, wayfinding is more intuitive, covered ways are provided throughout the campus. Visitor entry and Admin relocated to Challis Ave to create an improved sense of entry.



Whole School Gathering Place

A place to gather, to celebrate, to pray and to play, accommodating 1000 people. Amenities, kitchen, stage and storage areas are also provided. The Hall is part of a new sporting precinct, including a new larger indoor pool, with shared changeroom and toilet facilities.



Better Utilisation of Garcia

Garcia is a much-loved building within the College, contributing to college character, culture and history. The Masterplan seeks to retain and enhance its cultural and heritage significance. It will be adaptively reused as Administration (Ground and Level 1) and General Learning Areas (level 2). A new school entry will be located in a new building alongside Garcia, on Challis Ave. New lift and stair access will be provided to Garcia via a new atrium and Purpose Built Music building to the South of Garcia, adjoining Rockwall Lane.



Improved Staff Facilities

The wellbeing of College staff is supported through a combination of purpose built and refurbished facilities. Administration and reception has been relocated to Garcia, to improve security and sense of entry. Other staff areas have been distributed at key points around the campus, to allow passive supervision and maintain pastoral care.



Better Utilisation of Boarding

The layout of the existing Boarding House is relocated to levels 1 & 2, and the Ground Floor refurbished to become a Year 12 Common Room and shared recreation/meeting area, adjoining newly landscaped shared areas. A 2 bedroom flat has also been established on the Ground Floor and a new 'front door' to the Boarding House, accessed via a newly landscaped courtyard off Tusculum Lane.



SCHOOL DESIGN PRINCIPLES



Sense of Entry

- Welcoming
- Unique sense of place



Visible Recognition Of Faith

- Celebration of Catholic values
- Visual 'Points of Faith'



Reinforce Community

- Places to gather
- Campus 'heart'



Sustainability and Regeneration

- Learning opportunities
- Reduce energy and water use
- Recycling



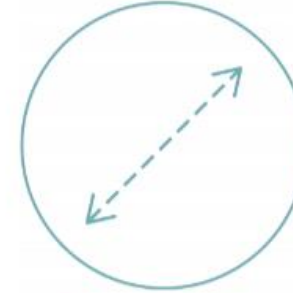
Enhance Wellbeing

- Staff, visitor, and student wellbeing is supported.



Connection to Nature

- Outlook to nature
- Use of natural materials
- Indoor/outdoor connections
- Outdoor learning



Connectivity

- Visual
- Physical
- Horizontal & vertical
- Disabled access
- Intuitive wayfinding



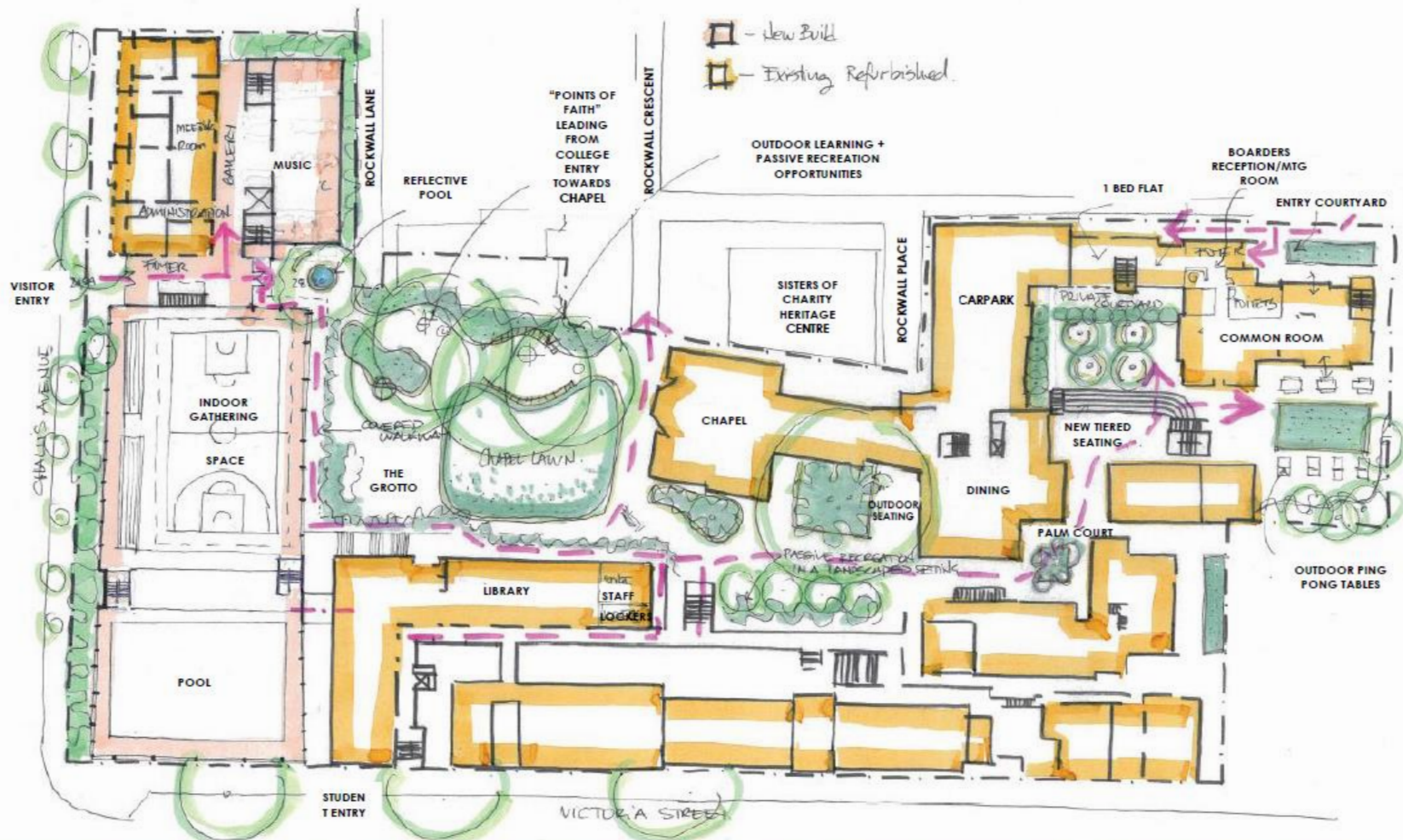
Celebrate Heritage

- Enhance heritage buildings, and existing culturally significant areas of the campus.

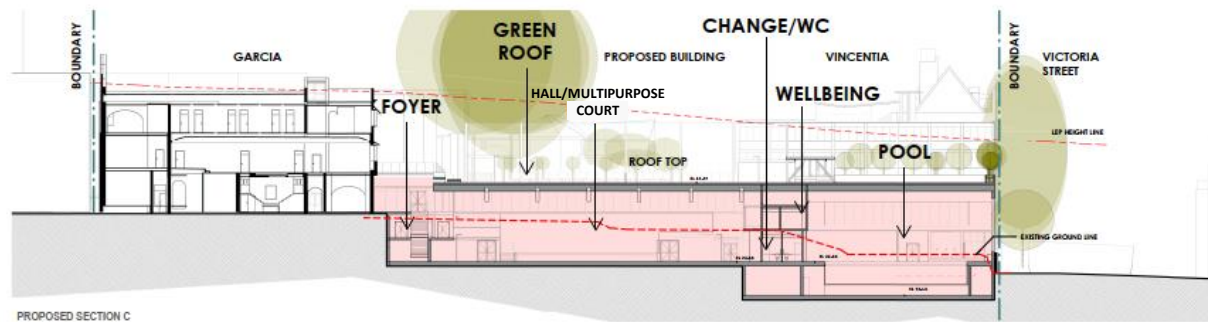
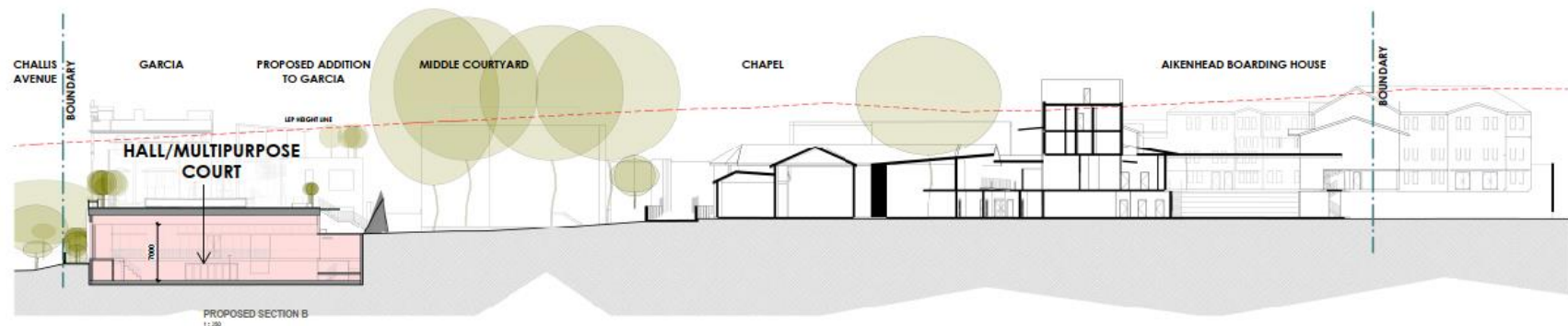
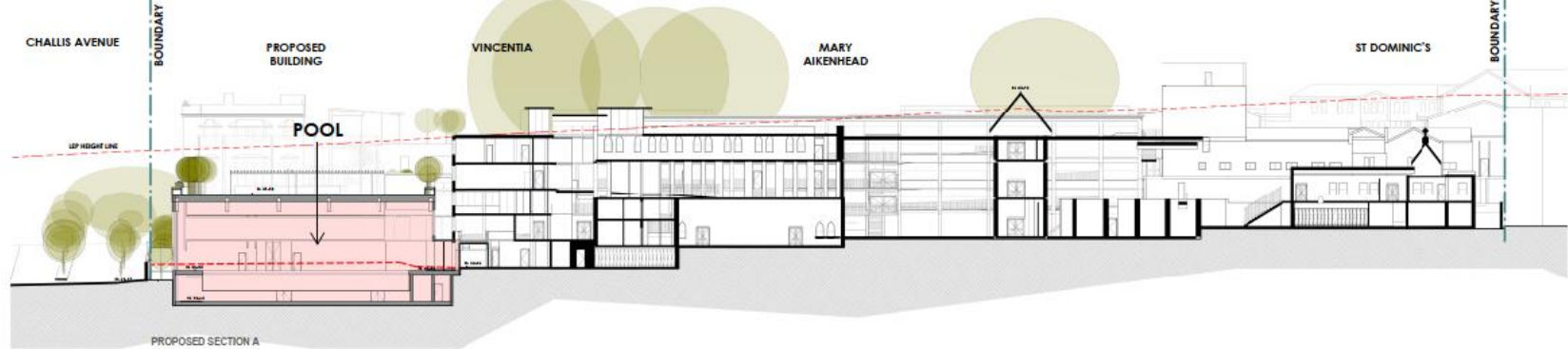
The Design

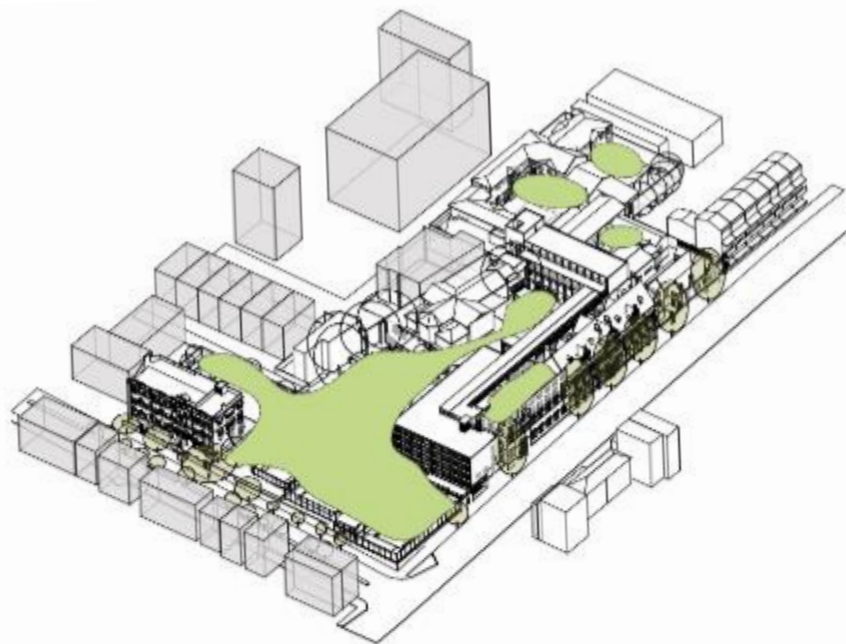
- The Architecture has aimed to support the culture and ethos of the College.
 - Sensitively acknowledges Heritage Principles – set-backs, heights etc.
 - Draws on the existing materials and rhythms currently utilized on site.
 - Considers overall building height by setting courts and pool below ground level.
 - Provides a new main entry location to school from Challis Street.
 - Aims to “Build a Landscape”.
- The scheme incorporates the following spaces:
- Internal competition compliant size multi sports court facility.
 - Outdoor competition compliant size multi-court on roof top.
 - Internal pool compliant for school-girls water polo competition.
 - Gathering space for assemblies and college performances.
 - Drama and music learning and ancillary practice/storage spaces.
 - Lift access to provide inclusive movement through the site.
 - Change facilities for students and ancillary storage for sports equipment.
 - Administration spaces with adequate privacy, lighting and contemporary work requirements.
 - Garcia Heritage building - respectfully refurbished
 - Rooftop seating area for student/staff relaxation and learning.
 - Landscape upgrade to provide a better campus experience.
 - Upgraded boarding facilities for students who call this site home.





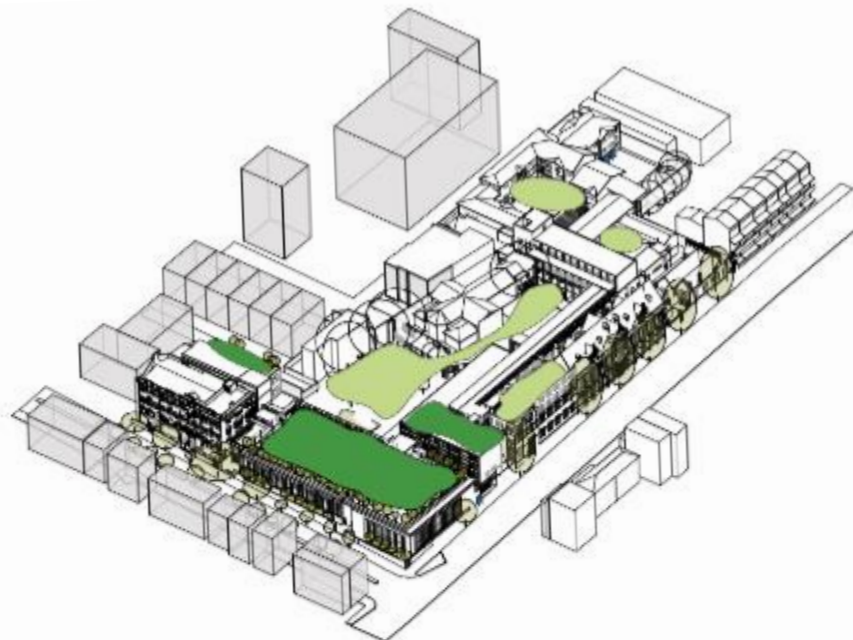
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3D VIEW - EXISTING OPEN SPACE

Existing open space
approx. 1,008 m²



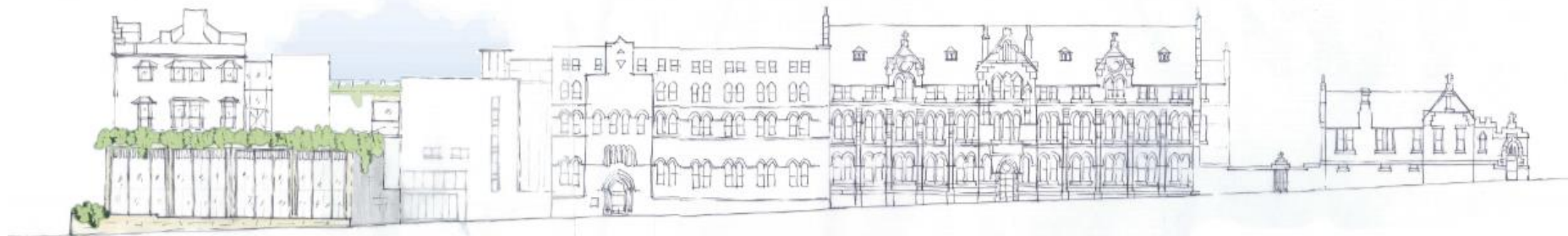
3D VIEW - PROPOSED OPEN SPACE

Proposed open space
approx. 1,466 m²

- Open Space - Existing
- Open Space - Proposed



Challis Avenue Elevation



Victoria Street Elevation