Stepping into the future!
At the end of last Term, A.B. Paterson College Principal, Brian Grimes announced that our College Board had made the decision to develop our next major building on our beautiful campus. The new building, which is yet to be named, will sprawl three levels and be approximately 4,500m² in size. To be located on the eastern side of our Hockey Oval, this magnificent building will be a state-of-the-art learning precinct.

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**Our impressive new development, without rival.**

The ground floor will house three Pre-Prep classes, a Reception for our ECC parents, dedicated Out of School Hours Care facilities and a rainforest themed playground. Walking through the main doors to a brightly coloured, refreshing Reception area, you are immediately immersed into the world of Early Childhood education. Colour, vibrancy, and dynamic learning areas sit immediately adjacent to an extensive playground, set in the heart of an Australian Rainforest. Amidst the playground equipment, you can hear the birds and insects of the rainforest in a fun and engaging play area.

Walking from the Rickard Administration building you are confronted with a undercover area, complete with seating and a café – this is the perfect place to wait while the children finish sports training. To the side, there are steps to an inviting entrance into the first level and a new standard in learning environments. Complete with comfortable seating, a multitude of areas for young people to sit and talk, to learn and study, or to simply gather their thoughts, this floor contains the finest learning environment of any school. With soft carpeting, beautiful furniture, natural light, and extensive and diverse settings, including an outdoor deck, and a view to a three storey atrium, this is a grand and very special learning space for all students. This floor contains four additional classrooms, a film studio and extensive flexible learning spaces designed for a variety of pedagogical approaches.

In addition, the first floor contains a stunning 160 seat multi-purpose lecture theatre. Equipped with retractable
seating, acoustics panels, a fully sprung floor, this tremendous space is the perfect location for musical performances, band practice, dance recitals, a film studio or a lecture on the wonders of Chemistry!

Head up to the top floor and be greeted by our Year 4-6 Librarian. Take a stroll through an open and extensive library specifically designed for students in Years 4-6, or sit in front of a specially designed marine fish tank to relax and be mesmerised by the stunning colours and the beauty of our sea creatures. Enjoy the view from the top floor or sit and talk with one of the many staff who will now call this space home. Our staff will have a dedicated academic research space from which they can further develop their teaching skills, mentor each other, or simply catch up on their reading.

The new building will be a grand sight and will be adorned in the colour palette of the Australian bush, thereby representing our strong heritage.

This capital project will permit the College to have the additional classrooms it needs in order to then develop a Year 12 Common Room and a dedicated Year 7-12 library for our Senior School students.

These projects will significantly add to our wonderful facilities and will most importantly represent the finest learning environments for our students, while paying respect to their various learning needs and preferences. Our College has been developing this concept for a number of years and it is our great pleasure to be able to update you on our plans while highlighting some of the stunning features of this new building.
This wonderful new facility is to be developed over our current playground spaces. To ensure that our children have beautiful and engaging places to play during this construction period, a brand new and dynamic playground will be created in the May Gibbs courtyard. Furnished with dinosaur footprints, and the rich colours of the Winton outback, a brand new outback inspired playground will be commenced at the conclusion of this year, ready for 2018.

This is a unique and very special time to be a member of our community and to share in one of the most outstanding, well-researched and finest educational facilities ever to be built on the Gold Coast.