



The UC 2017 project has been planned for some time. As Head of College I am thrilled to see our Council's vision, conceived three years ago, finally coming to fruition. The new dining hall and wings of the College are now taking shape. Importantly, the new buildings at UC will strengthen our commitment to sustainability by significantly reducing the College's environmental impact. Typically, under Passivhaus design, up to 90% less energy will be consumed when compared with a building of standard construction. The new dining hall will become the heart and hub of our extended community together with additional common rooms, tutorial rooms and study spaces.

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It is an understatement that University College has been experiencing enormous changes throughout 2016. In addition to our students achieving record high academic results and success on the sporting fields, they have been very understanding of the extensive building works on site. These will result in 120 additional students being able to call University College home in the latter half of 2017. All students will experience an iconic dining hall and improved study spaces.

We are fortunate that the University of Melbourne has collaborated with the College over the past two years to help bring this important project to fruition.

In the coming 12 months, the College community will increase to approximately 320 students, which will have enormous benefits for the quality of the college experience we provide. A larger cohort will ensure greater diversity of students, enriched academic and wellbeing programs and will help the College remain competitive.

The College depends on the philanthropic support of the entire UC community to continue to attract and support talented students from diverse backgrounds. Access and diversity have been central to UC's founding vision and with your continued support we can significantly enhance the UC Scholarship Program. Many of our students rely on the scholarships provided through philanthropic support.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to celebrate the generosity of our donors. You continue to inspire and support our students to strive towards their personal best, while enjoying their time at College. Financially, your open-heartedness lightens the burden of residential fees for our students and families. We are all part of UC's history. Together we can continue to invest in our young people and the College's future.

This is an exciting time and we aim to ensure University College continues to provide a welcoming and supportive learning and living environment for many years to come.

Dr Jennifer McDonald
Head of College