UC is embarking on its biggest capital works project since the College doors first opened in 1937. This large undertaking will prepare the College for a remarkable and sustainable future in all its dimensions: the student experience, college facilities and scholarships, together with academic and wellbeing programs. We encourage you to share this exciting journey with us.
The 2015 master plan, developed with Lovell Chen Architects, involves the construction of new, state of the art facilities for the College. All new buildings will be built in adherence to sustainable “Passivhaus”* principles. The external design is stylistically derived from the 1930s Sweet and Ellis buildings. The interiors will be contemporary in design and generous in size. The College entrance will be transformed by a new Roper Wing. The ground level will house flexible academic and collaborative spaces for students, alumni and conference guests as well as administration offices.

UC is known for its beautiful gardens and courtyards and the master plan will enhance this unique feature. Syme Wing will be demolished to create beautiful internal gardens, communal green spaces and vistas for all students and visitors to enjoy. The extended Sweet Wing will feature ensuite rooms: some with bay windows and access to an extended balcony, while others will be attic rooms. A cloister will run the length of the new courtyard.

Enhancing the future of UC
A new heart and hub for UC

The new dining hall is set to become an iconic feature of UC and will provide a communal gathering space for our extended community.

The genesis of the design is a conservatory with a spectacular glass roof. The dining hall, which will comfortably seat 400, with high table at the southern end, has windows overlooking a garden courtyard.

The significant Erica McGilchrist mural will be conserved and reinstated in a new mural room located at the north end of the dining hall. This will provide an informal café and alfresco dining area.

The College’s ageing kitchen will be upgraded with efficient, modern catering facilities to meet the needs of students, guests and conferences.

*What is “Passivhaus”?*

Passivhaus (in German) is an ultra low energy use standard, aimed at providing optimal thermal comfort and minimum energy consumption. Typically, a Passivhaus building will consume up to 90% less energy in operation when compared with a building of standard construction. The new buildings at UC will be certified according to Passivhaus standards to improve sustainability and reduce the College’s environmental impact.

Current Dining Hall built in 1953
The 2015 Lovell Chen master plan realises the ‘island within an island’ vision of the original 1933 Henderson master plan through the creation of a unifying internal courtyard. The new dining hall and kitchen will be built in the same location, the Sweet Wing will be extended and the existing Roper Wing will be replaced, while Williams and Syrne Wings will be demolished. The new student rooms and academic facilities will accommodate over 300 students.

**Capital works timeline**

The UC 2017 PROJECT will begin in December 2015 with the demolition of the kitchen, dining hall and the Roper and Williams Wings. The new dining hall and kitchen will be completed by Semester Two 2016. The new rooms, which will complete the project, will be opened in 2017. This will coincide with the 80th anniversary of the founding of the College.

**Keep up to date with developments**

Regular updates of the UC 2017 PROJECT will be available on the College website www.unicol.unimelb.edu.au/masterplan. The College Council welcomes your feedback and would be interested to hear your comments and thoughts, so please email the College at feedback@unicol.unimelb.edu.au.

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