The vision for the Footscray Learning Precinct is to create a world-class education precinct, providing excellence in learning and teaching in Melbourne’s inner west, at all ages and all stages of education.

The Footscray Learning Precinct will build on the richness and diversity of the community and provide opportunities for working together in a whole new way. It will enhance teaching and learning excellence in Melbourne’s inner west.

In 2019 we will continue to work closely with our precinct partners, Victoria University and Maribyrnong City Council, while building stronger relationships with the community and local organisations and business.

**New secondary model**

We will create a new multi-campus secondary college for the precinct, with a dedicated senior school campus for Years 10-12 and two junior campuses for students in Years 7 – 9.

Footscray City Primary School (with a new integrated early learning centre) and Footscray Primary School will both be part of the precinct.

**Rethinking how education is delivered in Melbourne’s inner west**

Building on what’s working well across the precinct, principals and teachers have collaborated with recognised experts to create and deliver a ‘shared learning framework’. While working to build on the success of the past, the precinct will provide greater opportunities for teacher collaboration and professional development.

There are a number of key things that will guide the learning and teaching in your child’s school. They include:

- high expectations for every student
- supportive, productive and inclusive schools
- valuing student voice
- curriculum planning that challenges all students and honours individuality and diversity
- applying learning to the real world
- rich and regular feedback to support personalised learning
- evidence-based teaching
- preparing students to become local and global citizens
- partnerships with parents and carers.
Years 7 and 8

Students will work to extend their foundations by building stronger literacy and numeracy skills. They will be exposed to a broader range of subjects and begin to work towards independent learning.

Year 9

At a largely transitional stage (from childhood to adolescence), students will continue to develop through an innovative new learning program that looks to ignite their self-regulation and autonomy. This program will have a strong focus on responsibility, citizenship and sustainability.

Wellbeing

Throughout Years 7 to 9, students will have homeroom daily. They will have the opportunity to engage in cross year-level mentoring, while developing through extended learning or additional support.

The new secondary school will provide an integrated and comprehensive approach to student wellbeing. This will improve each child’s learning and development by growing the knowledge, understanding and skills that build resilience and respectful relationships.

Students have been part of the process too

The precinct has prioritised ‘student voice’ by developing student action teams, with representatives from the four existing schools.

Over a number of workshops, these students developed a series of questions to help formulate peer discussion and surveys. This will help ascertain the larger student body’s understanding and concerns about the new precinct.

The new school governance

An executive principal will oversee the multi-campus secondary school when it is established in 2020.
A smooth transition to the new secondary model

To ensure a phased transition, a number of changes will begin from January 2019.

This starts with Gilmore College no longer taking Year 7 students (they will enrol at Footscray City College instead), and their Year 11 students will move to Footscray City College to begin and complete their VCE.

From 2020, Year 7 students will attend the Footscray Learning Precinct junior Gilmore campus in Barkly Street.

Transition to the new secondary model will be complete and fully operational from the beginning of 2020, with the executive principal appointed at the start of 2019.

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You can use this table to navigate a student’s transition pathway. Use the colours to follow a student’s year level through the calendar years.

For example, in 2019, Year 9 students at Gilmore College for Girls are marked by a red box. In 2020 they will be in Year 10, but attending Footscray City Campus. 2021 they will be in Year 11 still at the Footscray City Campus where they will complete their VCE in 2022.
TIMELINE

2017
- $1 million allocated for planning
- $15.4 million allocated for Gilmore College for Girls, Footscray City College and Footscray City Primary School building works
- Community engagement – phase 1
- Developed master plan
- Community engagement – phase 2
- Developed shared learning framework

2018
- $29.8 million allocated for Seddon campus plus land
- Shared learning framework agreed by all school staff
- Student action teams established
- Secondary school consultative committee established
- Construction starts with sod turn at Gilmore College

2019
- Executive secondary school Principal appointed
- Footscray Learning Precinct lead appointed
- Interim secondary school advisory committee established
- Vision, mission and values for the new secondary school established
- School name, logo and uniform announced
- School website launch
- Year 7 orientation day

2020
- Footscray City Campus and Gilmore College for Girls merge to create a new multi-campus secondary school.

2021
- Pilgrim Street (Seddon) Years 7 to 9 campus opens

2022
- Secondary school is fully operational.
FAQS

Where will my child go to school?

Each of the two new Years 7–9 campuses will have its own designated neighbourhood boundary. The Department of Education and Training is preparing enrolment boundary maps (zoning) to be released mid-2019.

The combined external boundary of the two Years 7-9 campuses will be the boundary of the Years 10-12 campus.

We have forecast student numbers for 2022 and 2027, and will have capacity at the junior campuses to meet demand.

If my child starts Year 7 at Gilmore College campus in 2020, can they transfer in 2021 if they live closer to the Seddon campus?

All Year 7 students will start at the Gilmore College campus in 2020.

The Seddon campus will open in 2021 to Years 7 and 8 students.

Students living within the enrolment boundary for the Seddon campus will have the option to transfer.

What will be the governance model for the schools?

From 2020, the new multi-campus secondary school model will be operational, with an executive principal for the precinct and a campus principal for each site.

There will be one school council overseeing all secondary campuses.

The two primary schools, Footscray City Primary School and Footscray Primary School, will each have their own principal and school council.

For more information, see the governance factsheet.

What is a shared learning framework? What will it look like in Footscray?

A shared learning framework is an agreed blueprint of how teaching and learning happens across a group of schools. We want to provide a consistent approach in order for our teachers to more readily share insights and resources. The shared learning framework will ensure quality teaching and allow teachers to more easily modify classes to cater for all student needs.

My child currently goes to one of these schools. Will I have to pay for a new school uniform?

No student currently attending one of the future precinct schools will be required to change their uniform. However, from 2020 the new secondary school model will be operational and will include uniform changes.

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