

South Oakleigh Secondary College

UPGRADE AND MODERNISATION



Competition-grade gymnasium
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Improving learning opportunities for local students

South Oakleigh Secondary College will open a new science learning hub and expanded gymnasium in 2023.

We are upgrading and expanding the college to provide modern and functional learning environments that are equipped for 21st century learning. The college is part of the Oakleigh Education Plan which is rejuvenating and reforming education across Oakleigh – raising student engagement and community perceptions and creating academic drive for all students.

South Oakleigh Secondary received \$9.92 million to plan and bring their upgrade to life. It is part of the Victorian Government's \$10.9 billion investment to build 100 new schools and upgrade more than 1,700 existing ones.

Site and features

Extended competition-grade gymnasium

An expanded and improved gymnasium will enable South Oakleigh Secondary students to train and compete, in a competition-grade sporting facility for netball, basketball and a range of other sports.

The design will blend the gymnasium's familiar presence with new wrap-around glass windows and doors to increase natural light and connection to adjacent outdoor areas.

Also extended is the college's active zone, located directly outside of the gym for ball games. This extension will enable students to also gather for outdoor group learning and socialising with seating under shade trees.



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Science learning hub

The new learning hub will become the home for South Oakleigh Secondary students to thrive in all areas of science – equipping them with the facility and resources they need to develop life-long skills.

Overlooking the greenery of the college oval, the hub facilities include:

- laboratory classrooms for students specialising in chemistry and biology
- flexible general science classrooms that cater for students specialising in physics
- a preparation laboratory and storage rooms
- a contemporary laboratory for science theory
- a tiered amphitheatre for students to present their discoveries
- science staff work area
- dedicated science courtyard for outdoor learning.

These learning spaces were designed in consultation with the college's science teachers and students. Our experts heard the college's aspirations and designed spaces adaptable for all learning methods and allow for innovative teaching and learning to flourish.

This technology-rich building will support teachers and industry experts to combine their skills and knowledge to deliver an exciting and contemporary curriculum.

“With STEM being a key focus of our Oakleigh Education Plan, our new facilities will provide our students with the best possible opportunities for success. This is in addition to our improved gym and that community space – the Agora.”

Helen Koziaris, Principal



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The new heart of the campus – the Agora

Demolition of the previous science building brings new life to South Oakleigh Secondary College in the form of a community courtyard – the 'Agora'.

The Agora redefines the open space between campus buildings, creating a place for the community to gather in a diverse outdoor learning environment with seating.

With a platform at the centre of the Agora, the college will gather for school events, assemblies, gatherings and performances.

Environmentally sustainable design

Environmental sustainability is at the forefront of the design.

In both buildings, locations have been considered for high and low-level natural ventilation and cooling. This is complemented with all windows receiving direct sunlight being shaded.

All materials used in the work have been considered for their sustainable and environmental factors. This includes methods of manufacture, carbon footprint, the inclusion of recycled and reused materials, future recyclability, lifespan, upkeep and maintenance.

Landscaping includes planting to be drought-tolerant and to include Australian natives. Integration of landscaping design on the science building's western frontage will further reduce the summer heat gain in what will be an important passive recreation space.

Further information

To view the designs and for construction updates visit: www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/south-oakleigh-secondary-college

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