# Securing Canterbury's Future



The Founders of Canterbury College and the early Board directors made a series of wise decisions regarding the land footprint they acquired to support their vision for Canterbury College.

The result is a 30 hectare site, which now supports our K-12 school, six playing fields, Aquatic and Tennis Centre and nature reserve.

This foresight also saw the College acquire other land parcels, held for future expansion or other uses as required in the future.

As part of our long-term strategic planning, the College is exploring the opportunity to sell two non-essential land holdings that are adjacent to, but not part of the main school campus. We believe this prudent decision reflects our commitment to ensuring the highest possible standard of education and facilities for current and future generations of students.



# THE PROCEEDS FROM THESE SALES WILL BE REINVESTED DIRECTLY INTO:

**Enhancing Campus Facilities** – Accelerating the delivery of modern, purpose-built learning environments to support academic excellence, particularly now with a focus on the Senior School.

**Keeping School Fees Accessible** - Helping to reduce reliance on fee increases by building financial resilience in our operations and master plan aspirations.

**Future-Proofing the College** - Enabling Canterbury to respond with agility to emerging educational needs, student learning and wellbeing needs, and technological change, while preserving its distinctive Anglican character and community ethos.

**Expanding Early Learning Opportunities** – Establishing a new Early Learning Centre for children aged six weeks to three years, offering opportunities for Canterbury families and staff by extending our offering to younger children.

This strategic asset realignment ensures we remain focused on our core mission: delivering an outstanding, affordable education that prepares our students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

# Won't this land be required in the future if Canterbury wants to expand?

The land being considered is not required for the College's current or future educational footprint. It is separate from the main campus and too far from the Junior and Senior School to be practical for future development. Our current Master Plan already provides for sustainable growth within our existing boundaries. Releasing these surplus assets allows us to enhance the student experience now while supporting long-term financial sustainability.

#### What is the value of this land and what will it be used for?

The commercial value will be determined through formal valuation and market processes. The land holds strong potential given its proximity to Bethania train station and local retail developments, with final value depending on development approvals. We are currently exploring residential rezoning to meet high local demand for housing. All proceeds will be reinvested directly into the College to support capital upgrades, development of a new Early Learning Centre, and to help reduce pressure on future fee increases. As a separately incorporated not-for-profit entity, Canterbury makes these decisions independently of the Anglican Church.

## What is the actual enrolment target of the College?

Canterbury aims to gradually grow to around 1700 students across Prep to Year 12, plus additional ELC places. This size allows us to maintain strong community culture while offering broad academic, co-curricular and wellbeing programs. While our site could accommodate more than 2000 students, our current goal is a stable enrolment of around 1850 by 2030.

# What projects could be funded from these sales in the Master Plan?

Proceeds from land sales could support:

Upgraded Senior School specialist facilities in Health and Medical Sciences, STEM and Creative Industries

A new purpose-built Early Learning Centre for children from six weeks of age

Renewal of older facilities to better serve students and staff

Sustainability initiatives such as expanding our solar program and investigating battery storage. These projects are aligned with our commitment to contemporary learning environments.

#### Will there be an application or approval process through Logan City Council?

Yes. Any sale or development of surplus land will go through the required Logan City Council planning and approval processes. Canterbury will work closely with Council and undertake community consultation. We have appointed an experienced project management team to support rezoning and development approvals. Our main campus remains covered under the 2022 Ministerial Infrastructure Designation, which streamlines development on our core site.

#### What environmental considerations will be taken into account if vacant land is developed?

The College will undertake significant tree replacement and landscape programs, consistent with previous major projects. Our nature reserve and dam behind the Tennis Centre will continue to be maintained as a protected habitat for local wildlife.

#### Will further developments on OLV and High Roads create extra traffic in our local area?

We are confident that the upgrades being undertaken by the Council and State Government will certainly assist with the safe movement of traffic around our campus. The scale of these proposed residential developments will not be large enough to add significantly greater traffic load on our roads.

This decision is about ensuring Canterbury remains strong, sustainable, and ready to meet the needs of generations to come. This is a smart, future-focused decision that allows us to reinvest in what matters most, our students."

- Dan Walker, Principal

