

Why are you getting this newsletter?

MIC has prepared a stakeholder engagement plan, identifying people in the community who may be affected by or interested in the planning and development of the College's campus master plan. You have been identified as a potential stakeholder and we would like to keep you informed of the project, particularly to foster partnerships in realising the College's vision if it aligns with your organisation's values and mission.

Why is the Master Plan being reviewed and changed?

The 2012 Campus Master Plan was generated in an organisational culture of "survival" as the MIC sought to relocate from its Sippy Downs site and establish a permanent home. This was a time of uncertainty.

Since the opening of MIC's new campus in 2015, the college has experienced strong growth and a shift in organisational culture towards "thrival". The 2012 Master Plan has already

undergone 3 amendments with the Sunshine Coast Council to respond to short-term drivers of change.

The Montessori International College community renewed their Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan in 2017, using visioning and foresight processes to recast their preferred future within the local and global education sector. The emerging vision for the MIC campus is to become a mixed use "Village of Learners" and community impact hub.

A review of the existing master plan is required to ensure strategic alignment between the organisational vision and place vision for the college, and to formulate the long-term design strategies to guide development for the next 20 to 40-year time horizon. Ideally the master plan aims to be robust to remain relevant for the next 100 years.

What has happened so far?

In 2017, three development scenarios were generated for internal

MIC community consultation. An analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of each identified a preferred scenario for further investigations.

In 2018, the Master Plan Review was informed by design advice from planning, hydrology, transport, and urban design specialists.

In 2019, the Master Plan continued to be refined by detailed studies to manage environmental, flood, traffic and acoustic impacts. Issues familiar to the college because they were addressed in the original 2012 Development Permit.

The draft MIC campus Master Plan (2019-2039) has been forwarded to the State Government for pre-lodgement assessment and consultation advice prior to lodging an application to the Planning Minister for an Infrastructure Designation (ID) to deliver this community supporting infrastructure.

Stakeholders have an opportunity to submit feedback under this ID planning process.



MASTER PLAN LEGEND

- Existing Buildings
- Future Buildings

Remnant Vegetation Boundary

100m Noise Corridor from Marochoydre Rd

Marochoydre Road

Stark Ln

Infrastructure Designation Scope

The proposed scope of the new master plan aims to make a significant contribution to the place vision of the college by achieving the following:

- Shift the main campus northwards, away from Maroochydore Road Traffic noise to allow passive ventilation and permeable indoor – outdoor learning spaces;
- A flood immune, green school that uses the site's natural assets as a living laboratory and learning resource; and
- A viable campus that allows incremental development over the long-term, in an orderly, eco-efficient way to accommodate 850 K-12 students and 103 staff.

Most new schools being planned and built today in Australia have a minimum viable student capacity of 1000 students (Edutech Conference, 2019).

For more project information go MIC's [Project Webpage](#).

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Key findings of the technical reports

The College's consultant team have prepared the supporting technical reports required by State Gov't to assess the Infrastructure Designation. This team includes specialists in Planning, Hydrology, Ecology, Bushfire risk, Water quality, Traffic planning and Architecture.

Flood Risk Assessment:

The campus master plan is designed to keep infrastructure and buildings above the flood projections for the year 2100, factoring climate change with negligible impacts to neighbours.

Ecological and Bushfire assessments:

The master plan continues to protect remnant vegetation. Buildings are generally located within existing clearings, or areas of mixed weed species. The Bushfire Management Plan is being updated to manage the low risk factor to the new campus master plan.

What needs to happen next?

A pre-lodgement consultation period needs to occur before MIC lodges the ID application.

Have your say

As a stakeholder, you are invited to provide the College feedback about the draft Master Plan (2019-2039) by Friday 19th July.

This consultation period allows MIC to consider the issues raised by community stakeholders and adjust the master plan where needed, before it is submitted to the State Government for Infrastructure Designation assessment.

How to submit your feedback

Please use the online feedback form at MIC's webpage to ensure your concerns or support are recorded:

[SURVEY LINK](#)

Deadline: Friday 19th July

Remember, the Planning Minister will also contact affected stakeholders for your feedback as part of the ID process.