



## Narrabundah College Modernisation Project 'Open House' Engagement What We Heard Report

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### HOW WE ENGAGED

The Narrabundah College modernisation is a high-interest project amongst a variety of stakeholders from teaching and administration staff to the local residents and future students. Stage 1 of the Narrabundah College modernisation project – the new Design, Art, Technology and Science (DATS) building – will provide spaces for Food Technology and Hospitality, 2D and 3D Art, Digital Media and Digital Technology, six Science Labs, and Flexible General Learning Classrooms. It is expected to open in the 2027 school year.

On 13 March 2025, an 'Open House' information session was held in the Narrabundah College school hall, with several stations set up so stakeholders could get information and ask questions on various aspects of the project. There were three information stations that were manned by project team members from Infrastructure Canberra and Education Directorate as well as representatives from Narrabundah College and the appointed design partner.

The first information station, "Project Parameters", provided detail on the construction staging operations including the site footprint and vehicle access. The second station, "College Staff Perspective", was attended by the Narrabundah College Principal and Education Directorate who talked to how these plans will work in practice for teaching staff and students. The final information station, "Design", focused on the project plans and various design elements.

### FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

Approximately 15 people attended the session, engaged with the College and project team representatives and provided feedback. This included teaching staff, local community, and families of future students. The key themes of the feedback provided are detailed below.

**Ensuring quality learning facilities** – several teachers at the college attended the information session to provide their concerns about the operation and functionality of current teaching spaces and wanting to ensure that the new facilities won't have the same issues. Local residents also queried the need for this building in line with projected enrolment growth.

**Concerns around parking, traffic congestion, and student behaviour** – the most common feedback amongst all stakeholders was concerns about parking overflow, students parking illegally, and general traffic congestion and that this might be exacerbated when construction starts. Concerns were also raised about 'hooning' behaviour around Green Street.

**Litter** – several local community members expressed concerns around the amount of litter around the college. Mainly in the carpark and oval, but some members said it was a problem around the entire school and that the few bins located around the perimeter are always overflowing.

**Benefit for future students** – several parents of future students expressed excitement for their child benefiting from this new facility when starting college in the next couple of years. Local residents also remarked on what a great facility it will be for future students.

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**Construction disruptions** – concerns about disruption to utilities, hazardous materials (pollution/dust/asbestos), and noisy works starting at early hours. Community was assured that the disruption would be minimised and that they would receive works notifications and construction look-aheads, including contact information should they run into any issues.

**Timing and future stages** – stakeholders were advised of the staging and timeline for the DATS building and that this was what was currently funded and that future modernisation project stages would be announced later.

**Landscaping** – several residents in close proximity to the new building asked about the plans for landscaping, what kinds of trees would be planted on the perimeter and how much greenery would go into these new outdoor spaces.

### ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION

An *Open House feedback form* was available on the exit of the hall. Attendees ranked the **Quality of Discussion** medium to very high, and the **Quality of Information** high to very high.

### NEXT STEPS

This report will be presented to the project team for their awareness and, where possible, consideration to implement the feedback provided.

Approximately five attendees requested a direct follow-up to their questions; the communications & engagement team will work with the project team to develop responses.

If you would like any further information on the Narrabundah College Modernisation Project please contact [InfrastructureCanberra@act.gov.au](mailto:InfrastructureCanberra@act.gov.au).