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Xavier College Science & Performing Arts Centre

Bob Talbot, Planning & Building Manager at Xavier reports:

Peter Elliott OA, has designed a fine contemporary building that sits proudly on the Senior Campus site alongside the imposing Chapel and South Wing.

The John and Betty Ryan Science Wing delivers a high-quality teaching and learning environment for current and future generations of Xavier students. Ten laboratories, associated preparatory rooms and a project room are light-filled and spacious, with many offering excellent views over the leafy eastern suburbs.

Containing a 500-seat auditorium, the Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre has already proved to be a outstanding venue for assemblies, presentations, productions and concerts.

The science and Performing Arts centre is indeed an impressive building and a project we are proud to be part of.

The Dalton Room boasts panoramic views of the Chapel, South Wing and CBD and has already been heavily used as a venue for meetings and functions. The John Tutton Development Office (which incorporates a Trustee's Office) is also contained within this precinct.

CDF has been associated with Xavier College for many years and supports their developments through its loans program, providing low cost finance.



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St Finbar's Primary School, East Brighton

In 2003, the parish priest of St Finbar's East Brighton, Fr Lou Heriot, formed a committee to look at how improvements could be made to the facilities of both the school and parish. And over the next 4 years a Master Plan was developed.

The results of those years of planning can now be seen at St Finbar's. A new presbytery is now on an adjacent site to the school. The old presbytery land was given over to the school and a new \$3 million school building project was completed in December 2008. The new building, incorporating two older buildings, offers first class, contemporary learning facilities with wide corridors and open areas for break out groups. Each pair of new classrooms share a computer pod and in addition a new ICT centre has been built.

New administration facilities have been developed and teachers appreciate the convenience of a new staff room and separate workroom as well as several offices for interviewing purposes. Within the administration foyer, the focal features are two stained glass windows, one depicting St Finbar and the other the school motto.

While the building works have now been completed, the refurbishment plan is ongoing with further redevelopment of the gardens.

The new buildings will be blessed and opened on March 22nd 2009. We are grateful to CDF for making possible the loan.

Grace Beech
Principal – St Finbar's Primary School





Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, Braybrook

Performing Arts Centre

The construction of the Performing Arts Centre at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College is perhaps the culmination of an extensive building/ refurbishment program that has taken place over the past 12 years.

The opening of the new centre has been highly anticipated especially given the proud tradition of college musicals presented over recent years. The musicals have included *Guys and Dolls*, *Godspell*, *Oliver* and were presented in a variety of theatres including at Maribyrnong Secondary College, the Clocktower, The Altona Civic Centre. One of our musicals was held at the Crown Entertainment complex!

The Performing Arts Centre includes a 900-seat auditorium along with a music centre which accommodates classroom teaching and instrumental music.

The cost of the centre approaches \$6 million – approximately two thirds provided by Commonwealth Government grants. The other one third has been accommodated by a loan from the Catholic Development Fund.

The centre will be officially opened in April, 2009. It is anticipated that the centre will provide outstanding opportunities for our 1500 students in the performing arts and for a variety of curriculum activities and for assemblies. A manager has been appointed to the centre with a view to encouraging community use so that its reputation grows as a major contributor to the culture of the inner western suburbs.

Michael Quin
Principal – Caroline Chisholm Catholic College



Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School, Oakleigh East

Building Plan Overview

In 2008, Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School embarked on Stage 2 of the Masterplan to replace a portable classroom with two new classrooms. We wanted the building to be attached to the current building and only use the same space that was taken by the portable classroom.

Our architect Cameron Froomes from Crosier Scott came up with a great design for a two-level building. We were very fortunate to receive assistance from the CEO through Supplementary Funding which allowed us to go ahead with the building. Our building company Gemcan were very efficient and ensured that the project was completed ahead of schedule. We were very grateful for the assistance of CDF to allow us to borrow the money required to support the building of Stage 2.



The classrooms are very spacious and have been designed to incorporate more enhanced technology in the future. We now have an excellent resource that the children very much enjoy using, and will be a great asset for the school for many years to come.

Tim Noonan
Principal – Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School

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