



# St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton – Property Update

May 2024

## **What is happening?**

A Development Application (DA) is being lodged with the City of Newcastle Council.

St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton has been working alongside the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Property team to assess how appropriate recreation spaces can be provided for both the junior and senior students in the coming years.

A DA will be lodged with Council in May outlining the proposed demolition and removal of the under-utilised Marist Monastery and a transformation of this area to provide a passive grassed recreation area and picnic-style seating for senior students.

## **Why?**

As St Francis Xavier's College moves forward with plans to become a 7-12 school, it is necessary to accommodate the changing cohorts of our school, both academically and socially. We acknowledge that one of the challenges of the school site is the need for suitable recreation spaces for all students.

It is intended this new recreation area will be used by senior Year 11 and 12 students whilst Year 7 and 8 students will utilise the plaza and College Hall during their break times. This plan enables us to safely accommodate and supervise students in appropriate spaces whilst also making improved use of our school site.

## **Nearby Public Memorial**

The public memorial, recognising and acknowledging the survivors and victims of sexual abuse whilst attending Marist Brothers High Schools Hamilton will remain untouched.

The public memorial will remain accessible from Parkway Avenue throughout any building works.

The removal of the Marist Monastery has required due consideration. We continue to acknowledge victims and survivors of child sexual abuse that occurred in the Catholic Church.



### **More information**

The Diocese is hopeful a determination will be made by Council to enable us to provide the best possible spaces and environment for students at St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton in 2025.

We expect school neighbours and those proximate to the school, will also be formally advised by the Council's notification process. Therefore, feedback can be provided via a formal submission to the City of Newcastle.

More information will be available on our website in the future: [www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au)

### **Contact**

We encourage feedback to be provided via a formal submission to the City of Newcastle.

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