

# Church Street Children's Centre redevelopment

## Frequently asked questions

### 1. What is happening on the old Church Street Children's Centre site?

Council is creating a new, contemporary early years facility to replace the previous building that was on this site. The new centre will increase the capacity of the previous centre.

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) has been formed and has provided input into the design of the building. The CAG is made up of current users and staff of the Church Street Children's Centre, along with interested local community members.

The redevelopment is in line with the proactive response Council has taken in recent years to create flexible, up to date early learning facilities that meet the needs of local families.

### 2. How big will the new centre be?

The centre is designed for 98 licensed places and will include long day childcare and kindergarten programs.



### 3. Are more places needed?

Yes, there is a large waitlist for families who would like to place their children in long day childcare and kindergarten. On top of this, population forecasts indicate that families with young children aged 0-6 years will increase by 36.1% in Maribyrnong by 2027.

### 4. What will the centre be like?

The centre will provide contemporary and innovative educational play spaces both inside and out. It will have purpose built education and care facilities for children aged 0-6. At the heart of the building will be a flexible learning space that acts as an interface to the outdoor area encouraging children to explore both indoor and outdoor environments. This space can also be readily converted to provide an area for families to meet and take part in activities and special events.

### 5. When will the centre open?

The aim is to have the building completed and operating in 2019.

### 6. Will the building be developed to meet environmental standards?

Yes, the building will be designed and built to achieve a rating of Excellence using the Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) tool. This will include natural ventilation, LED lighting throughout the facility, double glazing on external windows and doors and rain water tanks.

### 7. Is Church Street Children's Centre still operating?

Yes, the service has been temporarily relocated to the Maribyrnong Community Centre, 9 Randall St Maribyrnong. It will continue to operate from that site until the new centre is opened. Families currently attending the centre will be guaranteed a place at the new centre.

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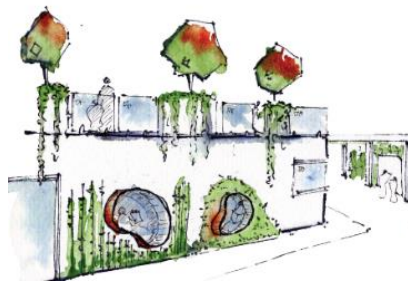
### 8. When can I register for a place at the new centre?

Registrations for long day childcare (which includes an integrated four year old kindergarten program) will continue through Councils Central Registration System (CRS).

The existing service will be transferred from the Maribyrnong Community Centre to the new facility in 2019. Families can register their child from birth by calling 9688 0116 or via the Council website, [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/crs](http://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/crs)

### 9. Will the new building impact on parking in Church Street?

There will be 10 time limited parking bays on the site which will be accessed using a one way system. This will allow families to drop off or pick up their children within close proximity to the main entrance of the building.



### 10. Does the project require a planning permit?

The project will be required to have a planning permit and will follow normal Council process. An advertising period will also be required. Affected residents will be notified via mail and a signboard will be erected on site.

### 11. Will I get another opportunity to look at the drawings?

Yes, during the advertising period that occurs as part of the planning process, a set of drawings will be available to view at Footscray Town Hall, Cnr Hyde and Napier Streets, Footscray, and on Council's website.



### 12. How can I find out more about this project as it proceeds?

Information about the plans and next steps can be found at [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/churchstreet](http://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/churchstreet)

This website page will be updated throughout the project. Families who attend Church St Children's Centre receive updates through the Council CRS and the Community Advisory Group.