

Learning Hub Redevelopment Statement

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The Learning Hub is strategically located in the centre of Covenant Christian School with a broad mix of facilities to cater for students and staff. The proposal comprises alterations and additions to existing staff room and block D (library), which are accessible and linked to adjacent buildings. New works will maintain the majority of the existing structure including over 50% of ground floor level. If the ground level is raised, the entire structure will need to be demolished, including the main computer frame which operates the entire site. Demolition of ICT means that it needs to be relocated, including all the data cabling throughout the school and the cost of this work will be prohibitive. Preserving existing structure reduces the environmental impact of construction by minimising the need for new materials and energy consumption.

Generations of students have associated block D as a learning and collaboration space and developing this will have a positive impact and continue as a focal point for resources and activities. Its central location and proximity to classrooms, administrative offices, and other essential facilities fosters a sense of interconnectedness. Students can seamlessly transition from class to study areas within block D.

Having Learning Hub in the heart of the school will respond to:

1. Existing block D infrastructure that needs to be retained in the current form:

- **Toilets:** Having bathroom facilities within the Learning Hub ensures convenience for both students and staff. It eliminates the need to venture far from the learning space during breaks.
- **Counselling Services:** Proximity to counselling services is crucial. Students can access emotional support and guidance promptly when needed.
- **Study Spaces:** The availability of study spaces within block D encourages focused learning. Students can collaborate, discuss, and engage in group study sessions.
- **Co-curricular Rooms:** Co-curricular activities play a vital role in holistic education. Having dedicated rooms nearby facilitates seamless integration of extracurricular programs.
- **ICT Helpdesk:** In today's digital age, prompt access to technical assistance is essential. The ICT helpdesk's presence in block D ensures efficient troubleshooting and support.

- **Whole School ICT Campus Distribution:** Block D's central location allows equitable distribution of ICT resources across the entire campus. Students and staff can access technology without inconvenience.
2. **Historical Continuity**
- The Learning Hub's 30-year history in this location speaks volumes. It has stood the test of time, adapting to changing educational needs.
 - Familiarity with the space enhances comfort and promotes a positive learning environment.
3. **Accessible and Inclusive**
- Learning Hub is designed to be welcoming, accessible and inclusive to people with differing needs and capabilities. The design embraces the accessibility guidelines for a better outcome.

By taking all these aspects into account, maintaining and developing the learning hub at the centre of the school creates an effective and welcoming environment to all people including students, families, school staff and visitors.