

1. Elwood College

The Elwood College Masterplan is the result of an extensive consultation process with students, teachers and community members that began in 2010.

Elwood College is a medium-sized, co-educational government secondary college, educating students from Year 7 to Year 12. It has been serving the local community for more than 50 years. However, many of its buildings are dilapidated and desperately need to be replaced or renovated.

The 2011 census showed that the City of Port Phillip had 10,042 children under the age of 15 and 45 per cent of those were pre-schoolers, with Elwood-Ripponlea and Port Melbourne experiencing the greatest increase since the 2006 census. Those 4500 pre-schoolers from 2011 are now filling the area's kinders and primary schools and more of the older children are flowing on to local secondary schools. Enrolments into Elwood College from local primary schools increased 32% between 2013 and 2014. This growth rate is expected to continue and increase over the next 10 years. There is clearly a pressing need to put some tender loving care into Elwood College.

The key features of the Masterplan include:

- a new VCE Centre;
- a new gymnasium;
- a new Arts wing;
- the creation of 'learning neighbourhoods' for the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools;
- technology centres incorporated throughout the college; and
- improved indoor/outdoor common areas.

Elwood Collge is now located in the Brighton electorate (it was previously in Albert Park). However families from the neighbouring electorates of Albert Park, Caulfield and Prahran send their children to the school.

In 2010 the Labor Party promised to fully fund the project, with the first stage of works then costed at \$10 million. unChain hopes that in the 2014 campaign all candidates and their parties in all four electorates will commit to funding the Elwood College Master Plan.

Residents can also support the Elwood College Masterplan in the following ways:

- Sign the online petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/elwood-college-masterplan-building-for-our-childrens-future.html>
- Join the Facebook page at

- <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsElwoodCollege>. This page also provides updates and invitations to school events.
- Follow the Friends of Elwood College on Twitter @Elwoodbuzz.
 - To offer your assistance, email school council president Sue Constable via the school elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au (attention email to Sue).

Residents can also get more information on Elwood College from the City of Port Phillip ward Councillor, Cr Jane Touzeau (email: JTouzeau@portphillip.vic.gov.au).