



Headmaster's Catalyst Update

Week 1, 31 May 2011

I am pleased to announce that last week work commenced on our highly anticipated Catalyst Building, which will see the construction of 14 new teaching rooms, 8 Catalyst laboratories, IT resource areas, staff planning and resource areas and a new Administration centre, constructed alongside the current School building on Great Eastern Highway. The \$15m project will be constructed by Emco Building Company and should take approximately 12 months to complete.

The style of the Catalyst building will be complimentary to the tradition of the School's campus, with building styles and materials selected to create a consistent, but contemporary, look and feel. The building itself will embody the principles of sustainable design and will utilise energy efficient solutions for heating, cooling and lighting.

Recognising the importance of retaining open space and an appealing streetscape, the project includes courtyards, open space and an avenue style, tree-lined, streetscape.

On the topic of trees, you may be aware that some trees were removed from the site to allow construction work. We have removed the minimal number of trees possible, retaining as many as we practically can. As part of the construction plan, the School will plant three new trees for every one we have removed, with many being semi-mature trees.

As with any large-scale project, there may be some minor inconveniences for parents, students and nearby residents. However, we will endeavour to keep everyone informed of any expected issues through this regular column and through the School's website.

To keep you informed on the Catalyst project, we have created a new section on the School's website, where regular updates, photos and information will be posted. The Catalyst website is located at www.ggs.wa.edu.au/Senior-School/Catalyst/Catalyst-Building.aspx. If you have any questions or would like further information on the project, please contact the Community Relations Office on 9377 9200 or email catalyst@ggs.wa.edu.au.

We appreciate the level of support we have received from the local community and look forward to celebrating the completion in 2012.

Mr Stephen Webber

Headmaster