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Dear Annesley Community,

We have recently completed Stage 1 of our Masterplan works, partnering with heritage specialist architects Swanbury Penglase and Sarah Construction to deliver innovative learning and teaching spaces, whilst also honouring the heritage of our School in our courtyard precinct. Delivery of Stage 2 of our Masterplan, which relates to the revitalisation of the historic Patchell Building on Greenhill Road, can now get underway.

In preparation for Stage 2, a thorough investigation into the structural integrity of the building was undertaken. This investigation highlighted some safety concerns about a small section of the western end of the building. Following advice from structural engineers and consideration of the potential safety risks to the community, a decision to demolish a small section of the Patchell Building was taken. This decision was not taken lightly and ensures that the rest of this historic and much-loved building can be restored and enjoyed by future generations.

This week, the City of Unley Council Assessment Panel approved our application to commence the Stage 2 Masterplan works on the Patchell Building, including internal and external restoration of the building and the minor demolition required to the structurally unsound section. As an Old Scholar, I understand the significance of this building to our School's 120-year history and communication with our Old Scholars Association will continue to be a high priority in this process.

The current Masterplan does not include plans to rebuild the western end of the Patchell Building, however Stage 2 has been carefully designed by Swanbury Penglase to allow for the option in the future. The original stonework will be preserved for this purpose. Any future plans will be considered in consultation with the Annesley community as the school continues to grow and expand.

We are excited that through the development of the Patchell Building, scheduled to commence next year, we will bring life back into this important but currently underutilised building. Our students will be able to learn and experience the history and beauty of the building, and our school, as part of their everyday learning. Maintaining and teaching the students about the building's heritage value and rich history has been a key design focus for our team in working with the architects on the Masterplan. In keeping with this, some of the original features will be retained internally during the fit-out to help tell the historical story of Annesley College.

We look forward to sharing the design plans with the community for this exciting expansion project shortly.

Yours Sincerely,



Jo Rossiter
Principal

