7.0 Brunswick Campus Plan

7.1 Overview

The Brunswick campus is an urban campus five kilometres from the Melbourne Central Business District, comprised of 1.58 hectares, 7 buildings and 20,664 m² of gross floor area.

The programs undertaken at the Campus are entirely within the College of Design and Social Context in the textiles, graphic technologies and education disciplines. The College is pursuing opportunities to expand the usage of the campus.

The facilities are in excellent condition, however the site is relatively constrained with limited options for future development. The proximity of the Brunswick Campus to the City Campus, being only approximately 15 minutes apart, should enable programs on both campuses to share specialised facilities in the future, through flexible course planning within the College.

Future planning should consider the Brunswick Campus as an adjunct to the City Campus specialising in the existing discipline clusters developed by the College of Design and Social Context. Strategies should be adopted to obtain a greater student intensity and use of the campus providing the necessary critical mass to support student services and amenities.

Planning Principles

The Brunswick Campus will be developed to:

- Maximise the advantage of the near city location by developing Building 514 as a RMIT Learning Resource Centre to service students located in the surrounding area.
- Continue campus development with a focus on the application of design to the graphic technologies, textiles and fashion program cluster.
- Ensure that overall campus space allocation and new developments maintain the overall campus cohesiveness and create a sense of community specific to the programs on site.
- Explore opportunities for other University activities which could be co-located on the Brunswick campus.
- Provide for student focussed services and provision of additional retail outlets to support the delivery of services to students and help facilitate a positive student experience.
- Develop a passive learning and recreation space for the campus.

Proposed Projects

- Minor Student related improvements to Building 514 and landscaped areas.
- Consolidate computer laboratories in Building 512.
- Investigate air-conditioning to Building 516 Graphic Technology facilities and Building 512 when supported by Skills Victoria funding.
- Explore opportunities for development of central plant for the Campus, under the State initiative, Greener Government Buildings Project.

Community Engagement Opportunities

- Continue to liaise with the State Government and Moreland City Council on development opportunities and support for the Council’s Brunswick Strategy.

Public Art

- Identify opportunities for the location of public art.
RMIT Brunswick Campus 2015
Building Upgrade
Requirements

Support State + Local Government
Initiatives arising from the Brunswick Structure Plan

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- Maintain current condition.
- Future redevelopment opportunity only carry out works necessary to maintain operational.
- Potential Development Site

B516
DSC AC Upgrade

Plaza Upgrade
Provide shade umbrellas

B514
Minor Student Amenity Upgrade
Student Lounge in Foyer Space.

B512
DSC AC Upgrade
RMIT Brunswick Campus 2015
Student Centred Facilities
College Consolidation Projects

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Plaza Upgrade
Provide shade umbrellas

B514
Hub and Student Services
L1 Food Services
L2 T&L Library
DSC Education
Minor Student Amenity Upgrade,
Student Lounge in Foyer Space.

B515, 516
DSC Design (TAFE)

B512
DSC Fashion and Textiles
Expansion of sewing workshops

B511, 512
DSC Fashion and Textiles
Centralise Computer Labs

B513
DSC Fashion and Textiles
Improved knitting studios / Research and Industry Training Facilities

LEGEND

Potential Development Site