contemporary learning centre

official opening and dedication

Featherstone Hall
10am, Friday 19 June 2015

bring out her best.
The Contemporary Learning Centre is a responsive and agile facility designed to support Strathcona well into the future. With learning and community core Strathcona values, architecture firm pmdl were tasked with designing a new learning centre that created an active and vibrant heart for the whole School – a place to learn, meet and connect.

The concept of a new ‘learning centre’ integrated within a ‘learning street’ running along the north-south axis of the site, was made possible through the demolition of the Spicer and Hopkins buildings, which provided new possibilities to link the newer facilities on site and strengthen connections throughout the campus. The concept was a relaxed structure with blurred boundaries, promoting enquiry and discourse and providing flexible but discrete, connected learning environments. A three-storey building design was created, accommodating a new Knowledge Exchange and Café, Middle School and Science Discovery zone.

The ground floor Knowledge Exchange and its learning street are a fluid hub that act as both destination and thoroughfare connecting administration services, the new Café and the sports field to the north. On each floor, various sized and equipped areas, along with lightweight, mobile furniture, enable the creation of a variety of learning settings. The spaces and furniture give students and staff greater input and control over their environment and a greater sense of ownership and responsibility for their own learning. Modern LCD screens, Wi-Fi, mobile device charging stations and integrated sound systems represent the best in technology available to support learning.

The new Contemporary Learning Centre closely connects staff and students at the heart of the campus and makes learning more visible and accessible, thus offering improved opportunities for interaction and pastoral care. The building has been well received by students, staff and parents alike, and will host many generations of Strathcona families to come.

Marise McConaghy
Principal
This building is dedicated to:

Ruth Bunyan
(AM), BSc, DipEd, MACE, MACEL
Principal (1990 – 2000)

Helen Hughes
BA, MEd, MEd (Pastoral Guidance), DipEd, FTG (NSW), MACE, MACEL
Principal (2001 – 2014)

in acknowledgement of their vision and commitment to the education of girls, their leadership in teaching and learning and their pursuit of excellence in all areas of endeavour in School life.

They have enriched and strengthened the life of the School.

Officially opened by:

Dr Vanessa Murrie
BSc (Melb), M.S. (Mayo Grad. School), PhD (Cambridge)
Old Strathconian (1990)

Building dedicated by:

Mrs Rhonda Burns
School Chaplain

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Responsive Reading

‘Credo’… I believe
By Val Johnston (Strathcona Medallist)

I believe
God is where I am today
And where you are –
In places near and places far;
In city, school, plane and car
And in the very farthest star.

I believe
God is in all molecules of life
In every cell and beam of life.
His Energy of Love enfolds the Earth,
Maintains the cycle – Death and Birth.
Through seasons of growth –
Years of decline
His Spirit has breathed from the Dawn of Time.

I believe –
God is Beauty, God is Grace,
His presence sanctifies the place
Where Heaven meets Earth,
Where Truth abides,
Where Love meets Love
His Glory shines

Prayer of Dedication and Blessing

Mrs Rhonda Burns
School Chaplain

Message of Appreciation

Georgia Chester
School Captain

Gifts of Appreciation

Anjelica Dimitriou
Mellor House Captain
School Hymn

Divine Instructor

Divine Instructor – we desire
Thy hand to guide our future way.
Grant us the grace these words inspire
O Lord, we pray.

Through all our lives grant bravery
To shed abroad the Gospel’s ray
That we may live more peaceably,
For this we pray.

For faith that hears the insistent call
And kneels to own Thy Sovereign sway.
Faith that gives answer,
Lord – our all – for this we pray.

Lord grant your joy to every heart,
Joy found in Christ, the living way.
True meaning of this joy impart,
O Lord, we pray.

With faith and joy and bravery,
Enrich our lives, O Lord this day.
That we may run and rest with Thee,
For this we pray.

Written by Val Johnston (Hutchinson, Prefect 1947)

Benediction

Mrs Rhonda Burns
School Chaplain

Recessional Music

Piano

Official party and guests shall proceed to cut the ribbon with our girls and the School Community and inspect the Contemporary Learning Centre

Fanfare

Stage Band
acknowledgements

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