

150th

– TE ARA MĀTAURANGA –

Pathway to Higher Knowledge for All Our Young Men





A vision for the future – Te Ara Mātauranga

Auckland Grammar School was established under the founding principles of Sir George Grey in 1850, whose words are immortalised on the Honours Board above the stage in the Great Hall – words that still have relevance today: **“...with characteristic concern for the welfare and educational advancement of persons of all classes and races who may inhabit this colony...”**

Auckland Grammar School is still that school. While over the years’ there have been challenges in education, problems faced and overcome and many proud achievements, through all of it, the steadfast support of generations of individuals, families and their contributions, passion and commitment have helped make our School what it is today.

Our young men have amazing facilities made available to them through the generosity of the Grammar community. In 2015, the Main Block Extension, which consists of 12 classrooms and teacher resource space, ensured 17 prefabricated classrooms

could be removed and replaced with a modern learning environment – Grammar style. Similarly, when celebrating the School’s Centenary in 1969, the School community came together to raise funds to build the Centennial Theatre, library and pool; with all facilities serving our students today.

We acknowledge the generosity of those who have been before us.

Now as the School turns 150, it is our turn to leave a legacy for current and future generations of Grammar boys.

The development of Te Ara Mātauranga, outlined further in this document, is our greatest

strategic property priority, providing our young men with urgently needed facilities and opportunities that will enhance their pathway to higher knowledge. It will be the ‘jewel’ in our 25-year Master Campus Plan.

Working with Architectus architects, the Board has committed to developing and building an enduring Master Campus Plan that guarantees the School’s ability to successfully grow, lead and provide outstanding education for boys. This programme of works aims to be completed by 2030 at considerable cost. It is an audacious programme of work.

The Plan consolidates teaching and learning facilities close to the ‘heart’ of the campus – the Main Block. We have already completed the Priority 1 projects – the lower field access and the development of more Physics Laboratories – through our capital reserves and Ministry of Education property funding.

However, for Te Ara Mātauranga to be developed we must seek Grammar community support. We cannot start this development until we have raised \$11.5 million. This future focused building and the opportunities it will provide for many decades to come, is essential.

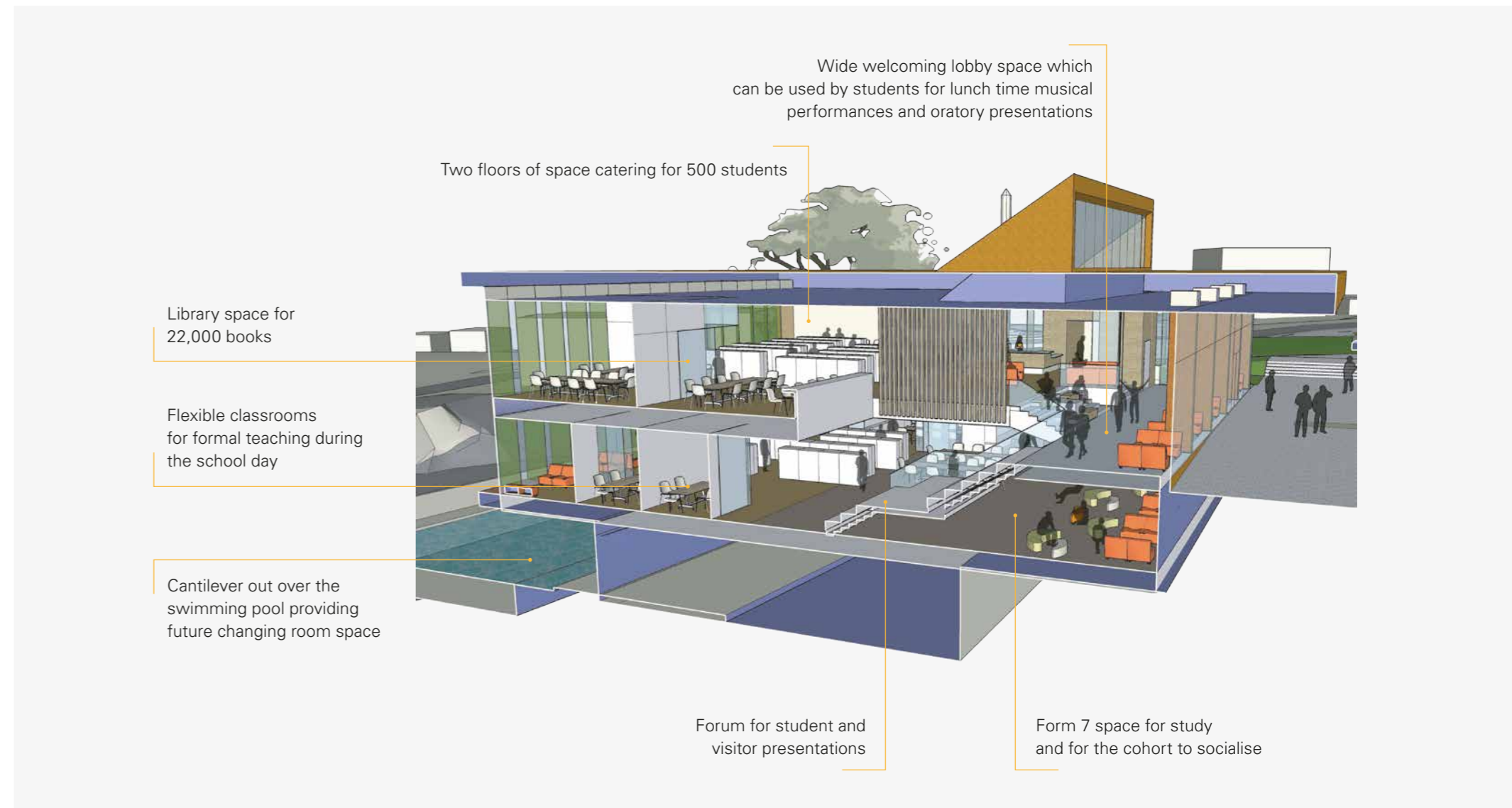
Te Ara Mātauranga – Pathway to Higher Knowledge

Some 1400m² of interactive learning space, Te Ara Mātauranga will be a new learning and knowledge centre for all boys and will support the future educational direction of the School.

Designed by Jasmax Architects this landmark building sets a new standard for the academic advancement of state secondary school education. Prominently located between the Centennial

Theatre and the War Memorial, Te Ara Mātauranga will dramatically cantilever out over the School pool. Within the School, Te Ara Mātauranga will punctuate the main pedestrian axis that runs through the heart of the School to connect with faculties and student services.

It will support the well-being, and academic and career progressions for all students.



More than a technology centre

Te Ara Mātauranga needs to be a multi-purpose facility. Alongside being a place for young men to read, research, access information and study, it will provide spaces for small and large presentations.

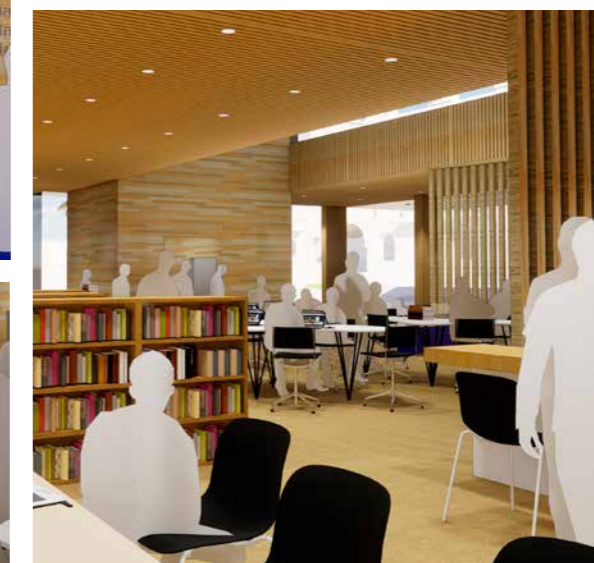
In 2019, outside of developing a student's intellect, we want him to grow as a young man. There are many distractions young men are facing, so we are teaching young men to navigate these wisely and to understand their responsibilities.

Te Ara Mātauranga will provide us with varied spaces to present topics such as managing their digital world - social media and other on-line environments, character education and diversity of race and gender. It will also be a space to present career and university pathway information.

The faculty will help us reach our mission of developing well-rounded young men.

Te Ara Mātauranga will complement the spaces the School currently has and provide us the freedom to present in new and effective ways.

This centre supports academic programmes and independent study. It will enable Grammar to retain its traditional library facilities yet develop a more future-focused digital resource approach to learning, to be used by students and teachers alike for their study and research.



More than a Library

The importance of a library has never been in question. With some 22,000 books and growing, our young men enjoy reading hard-cover books for leisure. The evolution of the library like every other aspect of our lives, must meet the needs of our changing world and it is crucial to the students' futures.

Te Ara Mātauranga will have two full-size classrooms with the latest e-resources for teachers and students. During the seven periods of the School day, it will support traditional teacher directed learning, research, literacy and e-learning. Outside of class-time, it will transform into an independent and collaborative study centre.

Developing senior students

Te Ara Mātauranga will also provide a 'rite of passage' space for seventh formers giving them some seniority within the campus.

We want to provide our final year students with a facility of their own where they can study independently and socialise in their own time.



The Challenge

Today we stand facing the next 50 years and we do so with confidence. The Academic Endowment Fund supports great teachers and enables us to recruit, retain and reward the very best specialist teachers. But great teachers require great facilities.

As a progressive state secondary school, we achieve at the academic levels we do because of the commitment we see from our teachers and our young men. For Grammar to continue providing an exceptional state education to a diverse group of students, we must stand true to our mission –

“The School will encourage the development of the whole person in order that it may produce young men ready, willing and able to assume useful roles in society and be responsible citizens.”

Te Ara Mātauranga is the most significant investment at Auckland Grammar School in 50 years. Its strategic significance in delivering the learning outcomes our young men need to succeed in the future has been embraced by our School's leadership. It is respectful of the legacy and values of the past, while also preparing our young men for their place in the world to come.

Now is the right time for the right people with the courage, vision and goodwill who can provide the leadership these young men need, to get involved and make a difference.



The need

We seek your gift of significance, an investment that you can be proud of to ensure Grammar boys face the future with confidence. Te Ara Mātauranga is an essential part of the School's future.

The cost of this visionary project is \$11.5 million. A few generous early supporters from our Grammar community have already pledged \$4.1 million. Each contribution has been the single largest gift ever made by that donor to Grammar. We urgently need the wider Grammar community to join them to raise the balance and make this project a reality.

We anticipate commencing construction at the end of 2020. Te Ara Mātauranga is an 18-month build so our young men will be benefiting from this new learning environment from 2022.

Why invest in Te Ara?

Your financial contribution to Te Ara Mātauranga is a financial commitment to Grammar students' future. Your pledged donation will have an impact on generations to come.

Your donation can be pledged over five years. To the right is a chart which we hope you find useful to help understand how your gift could be structured to benefit from a tax credit (if you are a New Zealand tax payer).

Individuals can claim a 33.33% tax credit for all donations over \$5 they make to an approved donee provided that the individual was a NZ tax resident at any time during the tax year. The total tax credits an individual can claim is capped at one third of their total taxable annual income. If your total donations were more than your taxable income your spouse or partner can claim the remaining amount. You must claim the tax credit within four years after the year you made your donation using the IRD Form IR526 or using their online services.

Please consult with your financial adviser for specific advice regarding your donation.

Pledge over 5 years	Annual Instalment	Monthly payments	Annual cost of donation after claiming back tax credit @33.33% from the IRD
\$1,500,000	\$300,000	\$25,000	\$200,010.00
\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$16,667	\$133,340.00
\$750,000	\$150,000	\$12,500	\$100,005.00
\$500,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$66,670.00
\$300,000	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$40,002.00
\$150,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$20,001.00
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,667	\$13,334.00
\$75,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$10,000.50
\$50,000	\$10,000	\$833	\$6,667.00
\$30,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$4,000.20
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$2,000.10
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$167	\$1,333.40
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$83	\$666.70

Note that the tax credit on the donation is eligible to be claimed from the IRD after the donation has been made – **it's not a reduction in the amount donated** (i.e the donor cannot deduct the equivalent of the tax credit from the amount being donated but has to make a claim with the IRD).



Your gift recognised

We have worked with our architects to identify the very best high profile locations where we can acknowledge our donors. With gifts at various levels, there is the flexibility for donors to be recognised. A permanent reminder of your donation will be seen by young men and teachers for many years to come.

Type of Gift	Donation amount	Recognition opportunity
Leadership Gifts	1,500,000	The <Your Name> Book Collection, The <Your Name> Memorial Book Collection
	1,000,000	The <Your Name> Forum (stairwell/atrium)
	750,000	Named classrooms (large 50m ²)
	500,000	Named meeting rooms (12m ²) x2 Recognition at entrance to F7 den.
Major Gifts	300,000	Engraved in the basalt lining of the lift well in lobby
	150,000	Engraved in the basalt lining of the lift well in lobby
	50,000	Engraved into the bleacher risers in the Forum
	30,000	Engraved into the stair risers of the Forum
	15,000	Engraved into the basalt/concrete outdoor furniture
General Gifts	5,000 + smaller	Book in foyer

Te Ara Mātauranga Taskforce

To support the fundraising initiative, a group of current and past parents and Old Boys have not only made their own pledged gift but are giving of their time to speak with potential donors and provide information.

You are most welcome to speak with any of these Taskforce members to ask them why they are supporting Te Ara Mātauranga.

For further information about Te Ara Mātauranga please contact Amanda Stanes, Director of Advancement, 09 623 5633 or a.stanes@ags.school.nz

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Frequently asked questions:

Q: Who will benefit from this new facility?

Every young man will benefit from Te Ara Mātauranga. This new resource will allow students to study independently and collaboratively between 7am to 7.30pm (and later during exam times) with tutors and support staff available. Lectures and visitors will also speak at the Forum allowing all students to listen in either officially or unofficially thereby lifting the aspirations of even the youngest student.

Q: How is the project being funded?

This essential teaching and learning facility is being funded by you, our Grammar community. There is no government funding for this project.

Q: How much of my donation will go to Te Ara Mātauranga?

100% of your donation will go towards the building of Te Ara Mātauranga.

Q: Why are gifts being sought over three or five years?

This has dual benefits of allowing donors to structure their gift to maximise their taxation deductions, as well as encouraging larger gifts than would otherwise be possible.

Q: Are gifts tax deductible?

Yes. A tax deductible receipt will be sent to you.

Q: How does Tomorrow's Schools review effect my donation?

Your donation will be held in trust

by the Auckland Grammar School Foundation Trust. This separate charitable entity will ensure your funds are not used for any other purpose than which you have specified. We anticipate having this facility under way before any Tomorrow's Schools activities are brought into effect.

Q: Are gift pledges/intentions binding?

They are not legally binding and maybe altered to suit a donor's changed circumstances.

Q: How can I make my gift?

All enquiries about the campaign can be directed to Amanda Stanes, Director of Advancement on 09 623 5633. Amanda or a member of the Taskforce will be happy to speak with you about your intentions and provide you

with detailed information about the campaign and its progress.

Q: What are the future developments planned for Auckland Grammar School?

Meeting the campaign target to support this project will allow Auckland Grammar School to refer back to the Master Campus Plan and look to the next essential project. However, Te Ara Mātauranga is probably the most significant capital project for the next 50 years.

Q: Do I have to make my first payment immediately?

It will help the campaign immensely if your first payment is received as soon as possible, but any pattern of payment is acceptable over the agreed pledge period of three or five years.

Q: Does my gift need to be publically acknowledged?

All information will be kept highly confidential unless you specify that you are happy for us to recognise you to the Grammar community as a donor and/or the value of your gift. Since giving generously promotes giving we would be grateful if you considered having your gift acknowledged. This can be done in the bi-annual Ad Augusta magazine and/or in Te Ara Mātauranga donor recognition as outlined.

Q: How can I be involved?

There are opportunities for volunteers to work with Auckland Grammar School on the important work ahead to raise the funds required. You can contact the Development Office on 09 623 5633.



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A past to **celebrate**, a future to embrace.

“Te Ara Mātauranga is about the academic
and social well-being of all our young men.”

TIM O’CONNOR, HEADMASTER



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