



METHODIST LADIES' COLLEGE (MLC)/CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CCGS) AQUATIC PRECINCT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY DO WE NEED TO REDEVELOP OUR AQUATIC FACILITIES?

Our existing pool was built in 1962 and has undergone several upgrades over the years. MLC had recently developed plans to heat and reline the 25-metre pool once again, however, surveys uncovered that additional work to remediate leaks in the pool would be costly. This called into question the benefit of investing in ageing infrastructure that no longer suited the needs of the College's sport and physical education programmes. Currently, MLC students travel off-site for training. This is not always convenient for families, and students lose valuable time travelling rather than mastering their skills. We would also like to offer a wider range of aquatic sports, including a MLC water polo programme, and have the opportunity to hold carnivals and events on-site.

WHY PARTNER WITH CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL?

The development of a joint facility with CCGS will give both schools maximum benefit for their investment. The cost for MLC to develop a stand-alone facility, adjacent to the CCGS facility, would be out of our reach at this point in time, and neglectful of the mutually beneficial relationship between the schools. The joint Aquatic Precinct will be a facility that offers on-site access to fulfill the needs of all MLC and CCGS students.

WHAT WILL THE NEW PRECINCT LOOK LIKE?

A 40-by-25-metre pool with a consistent depth of two metres will be constructed on MLC land, between the Meredith Taylor Health and Sports Centre and the lower car park. This new pool will be multipurpose, with the ability to be used as a 25-metre lap training pool, a full-sized Olympic water polo court or two 20-by-25-metre water polo courts for training. The fence between the existing CCGS pool and the new pool will be removed, creating a single Aquatic Precinct consisting of the new pool and the existing CCGS 50-metre pool.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL WE BE ABLE TO OFFER?

We will be able to expand our current programme of water sports with a range of new activities. We will have scope to involve all year levels in some form of water-based activity, whether it be swimming lessons, squad swimming, water polo, kayak polo, underwater push hockey, synchronised swimming, bronze medallion or marine science induction for snorkelling.

WILL THE NEW POOL BE HEATED?



Yes, the new pool will be heated and the CCGS 50-metre pool is already heated.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EXISTING MLC POOL?

The existing MLC pool will be removed. This will create a green space to compensate for the lost grass at the front of the school. It will be a welcome addition to the Great Court.

HOW MUCH ACCESS WILL WE GET TO THE AQUATIC PRECINCT?

The project is structured as a joint venture and access is to be equally shared. The staff of both schools are working together to accommodate the needs of all students and allow time for possible commercial and community use.

WILL BOYS AND GIRLS BE USING THE FACILITIES AT THE SAME TIME?

While it is likely that lessons and training for both schools will take place at the same time, change room facilities will remain separated. Access to change rooms for MLC students will be provided through new exterior doorways to the existing Meredith Taylor Health and Sports Centre change rooms.

HOW WILL MLC FUND ITS PORTION OF THE PROJECT COST?

The College is seeking to put in place \$1 million to assist with our financial commitment to the project. The MLC Foundation has agreed to underwrite \$300,000 of the project costs and generous MLC families have already committed to donations totaling another \$300,000. Our target is to raise \$1 million for this project. We are asking our community, past, present and future, to come together to make this happen.

HOW CAN I MAKE A DONATION TO THE AQUATIC PRECINCT?

MLC has partnered with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) to enable you to make a tax-deductible donation towards the Aquatic Precinct. Every donation will help us move closer to securing this exceptional opportunity. You can donate [here](#). If you would like to discuss donating, please call our Director of Development, Lauren Major, on (08) 9383 8858 or email lmajor@mlc.wa.edu.au.

WHY USE THE ASF?

The Australian Taxation Office designates allowable tax deductions for donations under its rules for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) funds. In accordance with these rules, a Building Fund, like the one that the MLC Foundation operates, can raise funds for building projects that relate to structures which have walls, a roof and a



floor. Unfortunately, the ATO does not recognise a pool as an allowable recipient for tax-deductible donations. To encourage Australians to donate to sporting projects, and to enable a tax-deduction for those donations, the Australian Government set up the ASF. Donations made to the ASF for the benefit of the MLC Aquatic Precinct are tax-deductible and will be returned to MLC in the form of a grant from the ASF. You can learn more about the ASF [here](#).

HOW WILL PARKING BE AFFECTED?

During the construction phase there will be some parking restrictions in the car park in front of the Sports Centre. To help with traffic flow, we will be redirecting traffic for drop-off and pick-up to Corry Lynn Road and the Hadley Hall car park.

HOW LONG WILL THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS TAKE?

Subject to final approvals and meeting our fundraising goals, the Aquatic Precinct is scheduled to commence construction in December 2018. We anticipate the Precinct will be fully commissioned for the beginning of the 2020 school year.

WHO CAN I CONTACT ABOUT MAKING A DONATION?

If you would like to discuss a donation, please call Director of Development Lauren Major on 9383 8858 or email lmajor@mlc.wa.edu.au.

WHERE DO I REFER ANY QUESTIONS?

You can email foundation@mlc.wa.edu.au.