

Frequently asked questions

Q. Is the project going ahead?

A. Yes, the State Government has announced a \$16.3 million contribution towards building a new joint use Learning and Library Hub. A Project Manager has been engaged and the two parties (TAFE and WCC) are working together to deliver the project.

Q. Where will the new Library be located?

A. The new library will be located on the existing TAFE site with direct street access for the public.

Q. When will the Library open? What is the project timeline?

A. The new library is scheduled to open early to mid 2022.

Q. Where will the new library be?

A. It will be built on prime land in the CBD on the existing SWTAFE campus.

Q. Will there be sufficient parking?

A. This has been acknowledged by Council as a key priority

Q. How accessible will the new Library be?

A. The new library will be fully accessible

Q. How can the public have input?

There will be numerous community engagement opportunities at the library and SWTAFE, online and through community forums.

Q. Will the Library cost more to run than the current Library and why?

A. Yes, it is expected that the new facility will cost more to run as it will be 3 times larger and will provide access to a broader range of services and programs than the existing library.

Q. Will there be more books?

A. Yes, the number of books and variety of collections will increase.

Q. As a student, will I still have access to research support and advice?

A. Yes, all the services you currently receive and more, will be offered in the new library

Q. Will local tradespeople be employed during the construction phase?

A. Under the Local Jobs First policy, there is a requirement that government funded projects include a quota of local contractors and suppliers.

Q. How do I find out more?

A. The Project Team will provide updates on the progress of the project and the direction it is taking. You will find a copy at the Warrnambool Library or SWTAFE Library/ reception, or online at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/newlibrary/ or you can contact us at 1300 003 280.