Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: UPDATE ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The remaining work on the Design and Technology facility is now complete. This work has ensured that the staff and students of Applecross Senior High School not only have access to the benefits of technologically advanced plant, machinery, and equipment, it also guarantees that the workshops meet the highest Occupation, Health & Safety standards.

If you have driven past Applecross SHS recently you will have noticed that the large new southern wing (S block) is progressing with the roof structural framework completed and the roof cladding partially completed. The window façade installation, including glazing is also nearing completion. The slab for the gymnasium located at the eastern end of the S Block, has been poured and the structural steel and precast panel installation works have commenced.

The new Visual Arts block located on the Ardessie Street side of the school site has progressed rapidly over the last month. The structural steel and precast panel installation works are already up and works have been undertaken by the artists responsible for the % for public art work to install imprints in the panels of the Art Block and to the auditorium panels of the S Block. The imprints will complement the three sculptures by the artists that will be located in the main courtyard of the new buildings.

In the meantime, the proposal to refurbish the existing science, library and surrounding facilities for integrating future Year 7 facilities into Applecross SHS has been approved. The design promotes a dynamic connection between the Year 7 facilities and the refurbished main building with the colour and material palette taking a similar approach to interiors throughout the main building contract.

The Year 7 facilities will be ready for the intake of Year 7 students at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

These facilities will contain seven general learning areas (including one IT laboratory), two science laboratories, a multifunction area, a food technology area, plus science and food technology preparation areas.

The intent of the landscape design for the area is to create its own identity whilst maintaining a unified landscape. Surrounding areas have been designed to facilitate flexible learning opportunities and to facilitate student interaction. Low walls and level changes provide informal seating arrangements between our near neighbour, Ardross Primary School.

On Monday 29th July we are conducting our first information evening for current Year 5 parents. The evening will be held in the gymnasium located at the Ardessie Street entrance. We look forward to meeting with our first group of Year 7 parents on this evening and show you the plans for the Year 7 wing.

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