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BUILDING CONCEPTS FOR ST JOHN’S NARRAWEENA:

We are developing concepts to improve facilities for St John’s School and Church at Narraweena.

The concepts come from an identified need to upgrade some of our older classrooms so that we can increase the size of our learning spaces and provide a contemporary learning environment for our children. The Parish/School Hall is in need of repair and the school and Church have been looking at ways to provide adequate, maintainable play space for the children as well as accessible parking for parishioners on weekends and for special weekday events, e.g. funerals.

Specifically, concepts are being developed to achieve the following:

1. Six new classrooms and a new play area.
2. Replacement of the Parish/School Hall floor, painting and general repairs to the building.
3. Creation of a shared hard surface play space / Church car parking facility.
4. Creation of a grassed play area.

We are aiming to have completed construction by the end of 2017. Specific start dates for the work have not been finalised at this stage.

Decisions in relation to buildings are ultimately with our Bishop Peter Comensoli as we operate on Church land. This responsibility is delegated to a Diocesan Building Control Group which develops plans and makes decisions in relation to buildings. This group includes the Director of Schools, Head of Financial Services, an independent architect, the Diocesan Facilities Officer, the Peninsula Catholic School Consultant, the Parish Priest and the School Principal.

At local level a Project Control Group (architect, building company, Facilities Officer, Principal and Assistant Principal, Parish Priest) meets to develop concept ideas which are communicated to the Parents and Friends, School Board, Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee and to the Diocesan Building Control Group.

Individual members of our community can access a comment facility on our website. A Communications Group will collect and feedback information to the Project Control Group for its consideration.

Please return to the Building Update page to view drawings and to access the comment tab and more information.

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