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Project Information

Project	Shepparton South East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) - Kindergarten		
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Dear Michael,

The following Architect's Statement is to explain the rationale behind the development of the Concept Scheme for the above-mentioned project.

We do so in point form.

Program Rooms

- The Program Rooms 1-4 are located to orientate north to maximize the ingress of light into the indoor spaces and sun ingress in the cold winter months – and all in support of environmental sustainability. Window walls are designed to wrap around 2 sides of each space to maximize spaciousness and to achieve sufficiently sized protected covered external spaces without eave covering to the north being too deep.
- Program Room Amenities are located to maximize accessibility and supervision from both inside and outside.
- Program Room Storerooms are individualized and located to provide both internal and external access and not to interfere with external Playspace areas and internal/external interface.
- Program Room Kitchens are located to provide equal access for each 2 Program Rooms with serveries directly into each Program Room.
- Operable doors can be achieved between each 2 Program Rooms to provide flexibility for the rooms to be combined.
- Program Room External spaces are more than adequately sized to foster landscape, exploration and play.

Community Rooms

- Community Rooms are similarly located to orientate north to maximize the ingress of light into the indoor spaces and sun ingress in the cold winter months. The Window wall of the main Community Room is designed to wrap around 2 sides to maximize dimension and spaciousness.
- The Kitchen and Kitchen Store are located to serve the Main Community Room and the smaller room is served by a kitchenette.
- An Operable door can be achieved between the Rooms to provide flexibility for the spaces to be combined.
- An office/reception is located adjacent to the Community Room entry doors and Lobby. This is 11m² and smaller than the original brief however what we perceive to be adequate. If not adequate this area can be expanded to include the adjacent store that can be moved elsewhere.
- The lobby, amenities, airlock and covered entry are separate to the main kindergarten facilities and located in the south-west corner to capture visitors via the main corner landscape/forecourt with orientation/connection towards the City Centre. The location also provides a degree of separation from the Kindergarten and MCH functions to allow different activities to occur concurrently although at times there will be a need for overlap – i.e. MCH education.
- External Landscape spaces are provided to support the Community Rooms.

Consult Rooms

- The Consult Rooms and MCH Reception are located adjacent to the main Foyer to promote interaction and realistic progression between functions. eg – it can be important for babies and young parents to witness the future steps.
- Main Foyer/Waiting
- The Main Foyer is centrally located to limit travel distance to the Program and MCH rooms as well as to reduce the apparent length of the central spine corridor
- It is expected that the external entry would also orientate towards the main corner landscape/forecourt with orientation/connection towards the City Centre. We imagine that this entry would be more dominant than the Community Rooms entry.
- We imagine that the Main Foyer would have a Children's area as well as Team Making facilities, Drinking Fountain and Scooter charging.
- Seating for waiting can leak around the MCH Reception towards the Consult Rooms.

Staff Areas

- Staff Areas are located at the East side of the scheme to maximize privacy and provide access to a Private Staff Garden, and adjacent Private Staff Entry, and Private Staff carpark.

Corridor Spine

- A central east-west corridor spine provides access to all main areas. This Corridor Spine would have a north facing eave protected clerestory on its north side to provide light ingress to the corridor including to south facing rooms that would have highlight glazing to borrow light and winter sun ingress from the clerestory.
- The Clerestory would also extend over the Main Foyer component of the Corridor.
- The Corridor Spine can be open or closed (via doors) at the Community/Kindergarten interface where and if needed.
- External spaces at the Corridor Spine ends can be landscaped.

Landscaping

- Generous Landscaping is planned to the balance of the Site including to building and carpark setbacks. It is envisaged that the South West corner becomes an important Landscaped Forecourt orientated towards the future road intersection and City Centre.

Carparking

- 51 Carspaces are provided with 39 Public spaces and 12 Staff spaces
- 4no. accessible carspaces are provided.
- The Staff spaces can be fenced off and are linked to the Staff Entrance
- Carparking is well landscaped and setback off the Local Access Street and side boundaries
- Driveway crossovers are located off the Local Access Street and the main driveway would be one-way for greater safety.
- Carstops would be provided for pedestrian safety.

Paving Areas

- Paving areas separate to any paving areas that may be included to the external play spaces are logically located to provide access from the road intersection and City Centre and to the entries including staff entry from and through the carparks. A pedestrian way through the main carpark would be landscaped both sides and protected by a speed bump and provide direct access to the Main Entry off the Local Access Street.