

Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre

Why do we need a new children's hospital and research facility at Randwick?

Funding for the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre was announced in recognition of the need to change models of healthcare to meet future growth, improve aging infrastructure, adapt to new technology and enable the co-location of clinicians and researchers to facilitate integration of bench to bedside care.

The Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick is one of the State's leading providers of paediatric health care; delivering clinical health services to over 68,000 sick and injured children every year. Through the expansion of space for clinical, education and research services and focus on delivering contemporary models of care, the redevelopment will transform the patient and family experience and help our staff continue to meet the complex and changing healthcare needs of our growing community.

The redevelopment also presents an opportunity to physically and functionally integrate the Kids Cancer Centre, Randwick and the Children's Cancer Institute to form Australia's first Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCCC). The CCCC will deliver a new model of children's cancer care, with complete physical and strategic integration, spanning discovery science, preclinical science, clinical care and clinical trials, through public health and health implementation, including community outreach, education and training, and ultimately prevention of childhood cancer.



Artist impression of the children's hospital and research facility, view from High Street, May 2021

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Here's a snapshot of the key benefits we're delivering to create a welcoming space for all.



Bench to Bedside

The co-location of researchers, educators and clinicians in the Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre will accelerate innovation and translate medical advances to treatments delivered to patients at the bedside.



Patient Centered Design

All inpatient units in the new children's hospital will include single-patient rooms. The rooms will be designed to optimise access to natural light, family privacy and enable patients to personalise their room.



An Australian First

The Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre is set to have an impact on a global level with expertise and research shared with leading cancer institutions nationally and globally.



Innovation and Excellence

A new paediatric Virtual Care Centre will transform patients health through choice, access and digital healthcare; delivering coordinated and efficient services that are accessible 24/7.



Bringing Science to Life

A Public Laboratory and Innovation Space will be included with an active laboratory that displays science and research to explain the cancer journey to the community, as well as providing a training space for staff.



Discovery Centre

The Front of House will include an educational Discovery Centre to create a playful environment for patients and visitors.



Improved Wayfinding

Information desks, colour and lighting schemes and architectural finishes have been incorporated to improve the visitor experience and reduce anxiety when moving between departments.



Future Proofed

There will be an expanded emergency department, emergency short stay-unit and intensive care unit to address the population demands now and into the future.



Family Support Spaces

The new children's hospital will include flexible and welcoming spaces for families including spaces for siblings, areas to support family gatherings, zones for study and work, and quiet spaces.



Greater Access to the Outdoors

There will be increased access to outdoor landscaping to improve visual amenity for patients, families and staff and increased greenery across the building.



Welcoming Spaces for Aboriginal Families

The main entrance will include a culturally safe and responsive design, including an Aboriginal gathering space and garden.



Arts, Play & Discovery

To enhance the wellbeing of patients and families; Arts, Play & Discovery will be integrated across the facility to create restorative environments, reduce stress and improve clinical outcomes for children of all ages and abilities.

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