The Master Plan

After much debate in the late 1870s about the School’s positioning, members of the first Board of Trustees of The Rockhampton Grammar School chose our location on The Range. Situated 1.5kms from the central business district, it was described at the time as a suburban site as opposed to a town site. The Trustees, when they made their decision, were focused on what the town would look like in 20 years, according to the first issue of The Rockhampton Grammar School Chronicle. They valued its elevation and its placement: On such a commanding site the new school forms a prominent object in the landscape, and an architectural decoration of the town which all may be proud of, it was reported in The Capricornian on 15 January 1881.

Decisions made some 134 years ago have shaped the School’s presence in the community today. The School’s Master Plan, from small scale projects to major undertakings, will shape The Rockhampton Grammar School for the next 134 years. In all of our physical infrastructure planning we strive to provide a safe, challenging and stimulating environment for our students which is focused solely on their intellectual, physical, creative and emotional development – now and for generations to come.

The Vision

The Board is entrusted to develop and maintain the School’s physical infrastructure to meet the demands and expectations of our community. Our vision is to enhance the School environment to ensure that our students feel safe, secure and can thrive. We will apply the School’s highest standards of scholarship, integrity, responsibility and work to these endeavours.

Facts on file

Main Campus: The Range
- 7.5 hectares
- Lot 130 Crown Plan R26112 and R2662
- County of Livingstone, Parish of Rockhampton
Maximum size, K-12: 1583 students
Boarding, maximum: 390 students
Queensland Heritage Listed:
- Main building
- WWI Memorial
- Top Oval Grandstand

Beachfront Education Centre: Ritamada, Emu Park
- Bequeathed by Robert Mackay Brown, 1971
- 31 hectares
- Lot 270 Registered Plan 892692
- County of Livingstone, Parish of Hewittsville
Early Learning Centre: Reservoir Street
- 7350m²
- Lot 9 Crown Plan 908770
- County of Livingstone, Parish of Rockhampton

School Farm
- Wash area/eye wash bay
- Storage
- Water tank

The Farm, Port Curtis
- 6.3 hectares
- Multiple lots

The RGS Rowing Club and Shed on the Fitzroy River
Belmont Station at Etna Creek
- 3352 hectares former CSIRO research facility owned by AgForce, which includes 16km of Fitzroy River frontage country

Current Projects

Main Campus
- Development of Beasley Centre (Primary School) and Birkbeck Building (Year 7 plus new Health Centre)
- New Primary Drop-off/Pick-up zone
- Minor refurbishments to dining facilities, School House (Boys Boarding) and miscellaneous classrooms
- IT Upgrade
- Establishment of The Dance & Musical Theatre Academy
- Development of green zones and surrounding in proximity of Palmer/Woodcock/Girls’ House/Birkebeck
- Perimeter fencing and campus lighting
- Renewal of Agnes St. frontage

Ritamada
- New residential facility
- Acoustic panelling in main hall
- Amphitheatre earth works
- Additional coverage

Early Learning Centre
- Refurbishment of 124 Quarry Street
- Stage 1 development
- Landscaping

Beachfront Education Centre: Ritamada, Emu Park
- Bequeathed by Robert Mackay Brown, 1971
- 31 hectares
- Lot 270 Registered Plan 892692
- County of Livingstone, Parish of Hewittsville
Early Learning Centre: Reservoir Street
- 7350m²
- Lot 9 Crown Plan 908770
- County of Livingstone, Parish of Rockhampton

School Farm
- Wash area/eye wash bay
- Storage
- Water tank

The Farm, Port Curtis
- 6.3 hectares
- Multiple lots

The RGS Rowing Club and Shed on the Fitzroy River
Belmont Station at Etna Creek
- 3352 hectares former CSIRO research facility owned by AgForce, which includes 16km of Fitzroy River frontage country
What we are really building are resilient, independent, critical and creative thinkers with a broad range of academic abilities who are prepared for whatever comes their way.

Dr Phillip Moulds, Headmaster

Main Campus
- Traffic management and parking
- Development of a Performing Arts Centre
- Lighting to the School's Bottom Oval
- Archer Street crossing
- Boarding accommodations

Ritamada
- Road works; asphalt into Ritamada
- Solar panel and wind turbines
- Rain water tanks and bore water
- Cabins (renewal)

Early Learning Centre
- Stage 2 development

School Farm
- Amenities block
- Cattle property development

Upcoming projects

- Traffic management and parking
- Development of a Performing Arts Centre
- Lighting to the School's Bottom Oval
- Archer Street crossing
- Boarding accommodations

A Performing Arts Centre is under consideration

Infrastructure improvement is planned for Ritamada

Expansion plans for The Early Learning Centre

Rowing Clubhouse & Shed
- Storage facilities
- Gym

July 2014: The Birkbeck Building shrouded in scaffolding
November 2014: The new drop-off/pick-up zone is excavated

“What we are really building are resilient, independent, critical and creative thinkers with a broad range of academic abilities who are prepared for whatever comes their way.”

Dr Phillip Moulds, Headmaster
The cover depicts a painting of School House by Edith Nash. The photo of School House was taken in 1924 by W G Hutchins and is courtesy of Dr H E Kellow.