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Vice Chancellor's Communiqué

December 10, 2019

Dear Robb College Alumni,

As we approach the end of 2019, I'd like to give you an update on the progress of UNE's Residential Colleges Precinct Plan and accommodation master-plan.

The University's long term vision for a residential college precinct that adds value to the student experience is well underway. We are committed to plans that will achieve an upgrade to our facilities and deliver accommodation that is appropriate, safe and affordable. Our primary goal is to ensure demand for student accommodation remains strong.

The planned new accommodation will provide apartments and studios which we know is the preferred type of accommodation for both our domestic and international students.

We are very pleased that the planning phase for the Robb College development is complete and the DA has been approved. The next step is to initiate an open procurement process for the construction of the buildings, once a formal budget allocation is confirmed.

As part of the ongoing planning to address UNE's future residential requirements, a Development Application has also been lodged for the redevelopment of the Wright Centre, with a determination expected on this application mid-2020. This action is part of the overall master planning process and is designed to ensure UNE has an appropriate pipeline of development projects ready to proceed. Once the strategic planning process releases funds, the Robb College build project will be initiated.

I can assure you that UNE understands the historical importance of Robb College and values the rich contribution to campus life made by its past and current students. We are looking forward to the College having an enduring and empowering presence on the UNE campus in the future.

We look forward to sharing more updates with you on the progress of the Colleges Precinct Plan development as they become available.

Sincerely,
Professor Brigid Heywood
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