



CELEBRATING
50 YEARS
1971 - 2021
THE PLACE TO BECOME



My warm congratulations to Burgmann College on the 50th Anniversary of its Foundation. My father, Ernest Burgmann, believed strongly that only through an education system which encouraged each individual to achieve her or his full potential would we have a harmonious society which valued each person.

He believed education was not just to fit a person for a job but to equip them for life. He would be proud to have his name associated with Burgmann College with its emphasis on so many of the ideals for which he worked throughout his life. I am sure the next 50 years will continue to build on the achievements of the first 50 years.



— **Dorothy Bennett**
Daughter of Bishop Ernest Henry Burgmann



▲ Master Plan aerial view

50 years new: building a bigger Burgmann vision

We believe deeply in the experience we offer. Done well, there is quite simply nothing like the residential experience for equipping young people with the interpersonal and intellectual skills that best serve them as citizens of the world.

University residences should not be seen as just 'beds'; they must be

recognised for the transformative role they play and how they complement university education. Burgmann is a supportive community designed to empower residents to become all they can be, so that they can make their most valuable contribution to the world.

This ethos is embodied in our 2021 Master Plan. Key elements of the plan include the expansion of our Residential Fellows program with dedicated accommodation; redevelopment of the Undergraduate Courtyard, and the creation of BurgSpace: a student engagement and education space.



▲ **Asmi Wood with Principal Renouf's daughter Ava**

Residential Fellows – connecting with residents in rich and meaningful ways

Burgmann actively supports students in their academic pursuits and personal development through our Residential Fellows Program. We are proud that academics of the ANU and community professionals choose to call Burgmann home, including ANU College of Law Professor Asmi Wood, Associate Professor Kim Cunio, Head, ANU School of Music and Ms Lara Nicholls, Former Assistant Curator at The National Gallery of Australia and ANU PhD candidate.

Our Master Plan intends that we build dedicated studio residences throughout our grounds.

This will allow further opportunities for residents, members of the University and the wider professional community to connect and exchange ideas, further enriching the education of everyone involved.

Burgmann is one of the few remaining residences in Australia where the Principal, Deputy Principal and College Dean reside on site—contributing strongly to both community support and a sense of family. We believe wholeheartedly in the importance of live-in staff and in our vision, we are building on it.

BurgSpace – The Place to Become

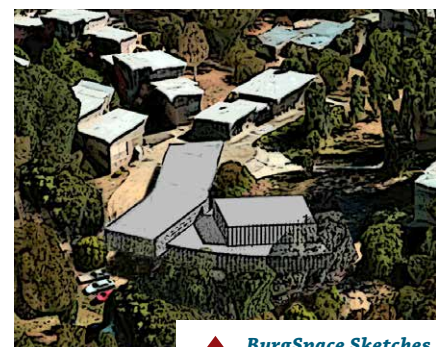
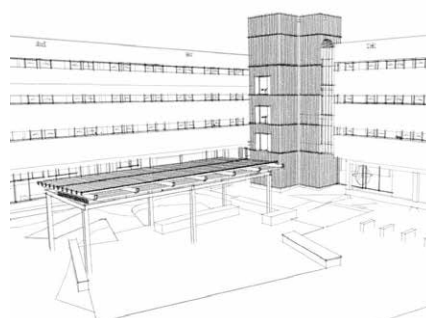
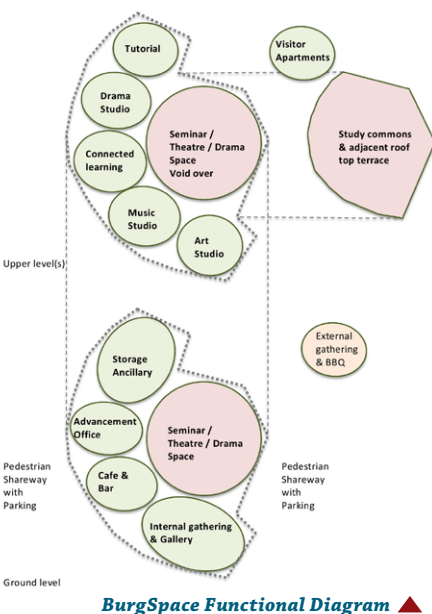
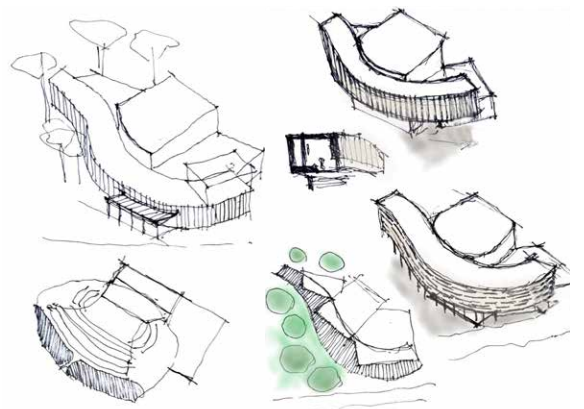
Growing brilliant people: enhancing the journey of the whole person

A key feature of the 2021 Master Plan is BurgSpace: a dedicated engagement and education space. Our intention is to create a valuable and dynamic resource for not only Burgmann residents and alumni, but for the University and the wider community.

In our vision, BurgSpace features a seminar theatre space, tutorial and study spaces, music, drama and art studios, and a wellness centre. It will accommodate distinguished guests and speakers in dedicated apartments, provide a large study commons, and multipurpose spaces for meetings.

“ **For a community that goes to such great lengths to tailor the Burgmann experience to the interests of every student, it is due time that our physical spaces reflect our mantra of inclusivity. Spaces dedicated to specialised passions such as fine arts, music and more, allow residents to rest easy knowing that they are welcome here.** ”

- 2021 BRA President, Isobel Kuo



We are delighted to have in-principle support for BurgSpace from the University.

Burgmann's whole-person approach is key to building resilience, team work, adaptability, creativity and independence in our residents. These attributes are essential for every individual,

and serve our residents into the future, **regardless of the career they embark upon.**

BurgSpace will be a hub where we formalise and further develop our current activities into a comprehensive **3 Pillar Program**, supporting the development of the whole person.



Pillar 1: Self Knowledge & Emotional Intelligence

A regular program of lectures, round tables, workshops and debates that offer opportunities for philosophical, psychological, spiritual and neurological exploration and reflection on self, with a focus on cultivating high Emotional Intelligence—self-esteem, self-worth, emotional resilience and grit. It includes reflection on the skills of communication and appreciating what it takes to really listen to someone, rather than just waiting for your turn to speak; it includes exploring what it means to practice genuine empathy; and finally, it considers the lost art of conversation.

“ To the students, may I say, I hope many of you aspire to be meddlesome in precisely the same way that Bishop Burgmann was—alive to the presence of social ills, sensitive to the needs of the disadvantaged and the marginalised, determined to fight for greater social equality of opportunity. We’ve never needed voices like that more than we do today... We can rebuild trust and cohesion in our local communities by making a renewed commitment to the exercise of kindness and respect... A college like Burgmann is a perfect ‘test-bed’ for a more compassionate society. ”

- *‘The State of the Nation Starts Right Here’, E H Burgmann Lecture 2018 Hugh Mackay AO, Social Researcher & Author*

Pillar 2: Open Minds

We would like to continue to offer exposure to inspirational and visionary speakers from every conceivable discipline, through conferences and seminars hosted and co-ordinated by both Burgmann and external organisations.

Some of the distinguished speakers who have shared their time with our community already include Julian Burnside AO QC, Nova Peris OAM OLY, Lieutenant General David Morrison, Elizabeth Broderick AO, Hugh Mackay AO and Brendan Nelson AO.

These high impact sessions—which are live streamed to our wider community—are about challenging, questioning and inspiring, and are growing to a scale and level of professionalism we haven’t before undertaken.

A second element of **Open Minds** is squarely focused on dialogue and participation: creating a space for dialogue of different perspectives, expressed with respect and honesty, in order to contribute to a more respectful society.

Engaging with a variety of perspectives creates more developed opinions; creating opportunities for ideas to be debated without being subject to derision, personal attack, or ‘cancellation’. Honest, open and rigorous dialogue has two main effects:

- It encourages greater exploration of an idea and improves the quality of discussion of the participants, and in turn,
- It limits the incidence or development of extreme, intolerant viewpoints.

Pillar 3: Life & Career Skills

Practical workshops that prepare young adults for their lives beyond study, including career and vocational support, health and nutrition, and living sustainably—sharing with students the knowledge they need for being safe in their environment, taking care of their own health and that of their future families; the practical skills of career planning, identifying employment opportunities, and successfully applying for jobs; and developing financial literacy, including managing debt and building wealth.

This will include an expansion of the Alumni and Friends Mentoring Program and workshops with the ANU Careers team, as well as contact with external providers, such as the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and financial experts. There will continue to be regular opportunities for learning first aid, mental health first aid, bystander intervention skills training, and the responsible service of alcohol.

“ We are offering these young minds an opportunity and modelling good corporate governance to individuals who might one day need it—future business and community leaders, MPs, maybe even a future prime minister. If we influenced one future prime minister, it would be worth it. ”

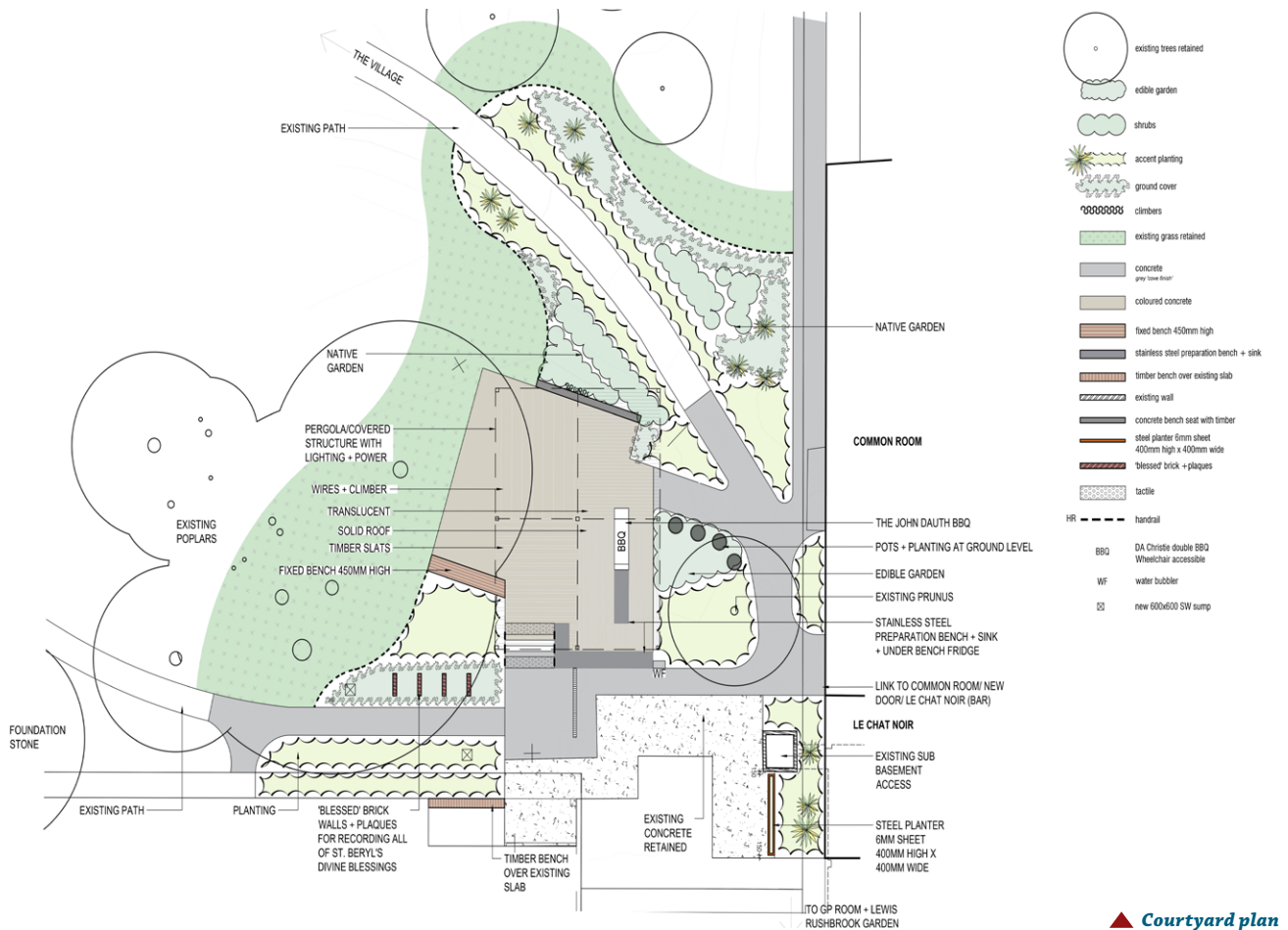
- *Greg Mills, Chair, Burgmann College Board of Management*

“ The notion of a physical space where young people can have the conversations that need to be had—maybe about abortion, suicide, drug-taking, self-harm, religion, etc— with no real limits but knowing they are sheltered, in a beautiful and spiritually safe space... To invite the University, invite the community, invite the world to come and have these conversations, that is extremely powerful. “To have a space like this, with the imprimatur of a world class university, in a place that’s a home, improving the lives of people and the world— I can’t see anyone with a heart NOT saying, ‘This must happen’. ”

— Professor Asmi Wood
Residential Fellow, Burgmann College



Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment



▲ Courtyard plan

Also featured in the Master Plan is the redevelopment and upgrade of the much-cherished internal courtyard between the Homer and Barassi wings, restoring it to its rightful place as a hub for daily lunch, study, resident and alumni social activities.

This area is also used annually to host events for up to 500 guests in inter-hall activities that promote community cohesion, as well as new resident and family welcome events.

The proposed plans will transform this space into a beautiful outdoor oasis for residents, staff and the wider Burgmann community to enjoy.

“ **From the start there has always been something special about Burgmann and the Burgmann community ... It is that sense of community which Burgmann built in us all. I don't know any other place which has been as successful at that.** ”

– Mr John Dauth AO, LVO

The courtyard is home to the Bob Falconer terrace, in memory of a treasured Handyman of the College. In addition, it is also home to the John Dauth BBQ, donated by Mr Dauth in 1981.

Current residents have already generously pledged \$100,000 as a legacy to their time at Burgmann. We are asking our alumni and friends to match our residents' contribution to help us realise this goal.

Your support will make this possible

There are many ways you can contribute to Burgmann residents to support and encourage them, and we are deeply grateful for all those who donate—every generous gift you make helps us to maintain the precious Burgmann culture for generations of students to come. All gifts over \$2 to support the College's advancement are tax deductible within Australia.

To become involved in the ongoing development of Burgmann College please contact the Advancement Office by telephone on **6125 6100** or by email advancement@burgmann.anu.edu.au

