

Waipapa Taumata Rau The University of Auckland

City Campus
Masterplan
2025-2045

Executive Summary
Extract - Draft



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Masterplan Framework



Image: B201 Building

The Masterplan Framework underpins the City Campus Masterplan as a strategic guide for the long-term development of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. It provides a cohesive structure to shape the campus in ways that enhance teaching and learning, elevate the student experience, and deliver improved environmental outcomes.

Grounded in tangata whenua values of connection and exchange which are drawn from the location of the Campus, the framework is built around three unifying ideas that reflect our deep relationship with people, place, history, and the environment:

- **Mana tuku iho, mana tuku atu** – Respecting our past, fit for future
- **Tuku taiao, tuku tāngata** – A dynamic exchange between people and place
- **Tuku tairongo, tuku toiora** – A distinct essence, a thriving vitality

These ideas inform fourteen guiding principles, which shape the design response across the campus. The principles support the development of spatial strategies that apply at both the campus-wide and precinct-specific levels, ensuring coherence and adaptability across diverse projects.

The resulting initiatives span streetscapes, open spaces, and both new and existing buildings. Each has been carefully considered through lenses of interdependency, phased delivery, and strategic impact—ensuring that development is both visionary and practical.

Importantly, this framework is not limited to the City Campus. It will also guide future masterplanning processes for the Grafton and Newmarket campuses, enabling a consistent and integrated approach to estate development across the University.



Diagram: The Masterplan Framework
3 Unifying ideas | 14 Guiding Principles

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Transformational initiatives of the Masterplan

Key

- Key new buildings
- Existing building upgrade
- Heritage upgrade
- Student living partnership opportunity
- Existing building removal
- Existing building

Transformational initiatives

Upgrade Student Experience - Enable a beating student heart within the campus

Development of a student hub including a new Student Centre and Library and an upgrade to the Kate Edger Information Commons (B315)

Consolidating, upgrading, and improving teaching and learning environments

B230, new teaching and learning centre, new gateway building, architecture school and conference centre refurbishments, engineering building tower refurbishment

Improving open space and connections throughout the campus

Upgrades to Princes Street, the pedestrianisation of Alfred Street, a new mid-block crossing on Symonds Street, pedestrian upgrades to Alten Road and the enhancement of the John Hood Plaza

Enhancing the park-like qualities of sector 100, creating a Heritage Precinct

Building removals and heritage upgrades

Creating the live-in campus

New student living partnership opportunities in sector 400 and 800

Note: indicative new building envelopes

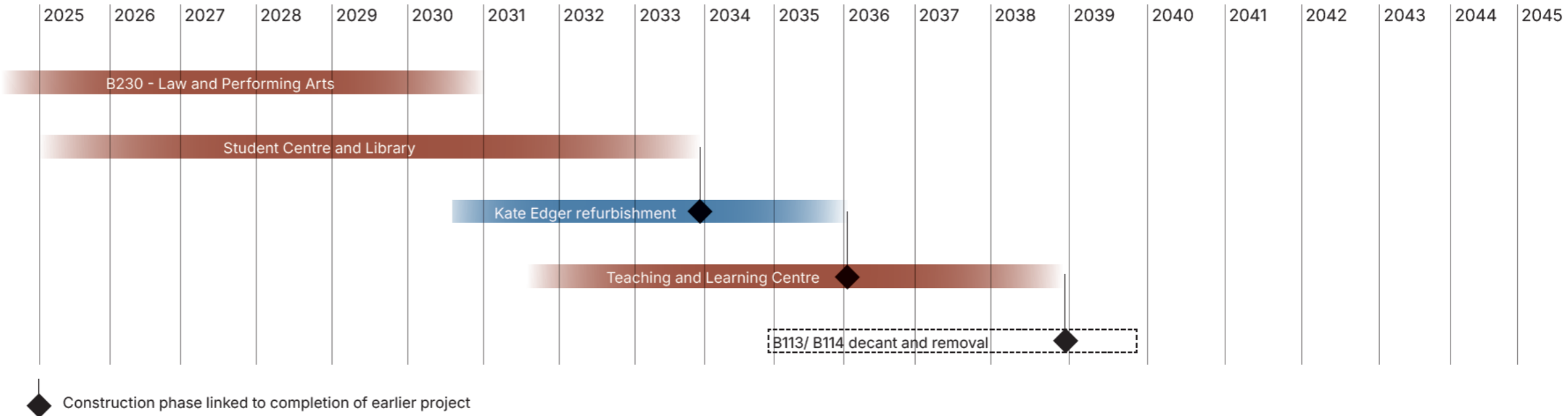


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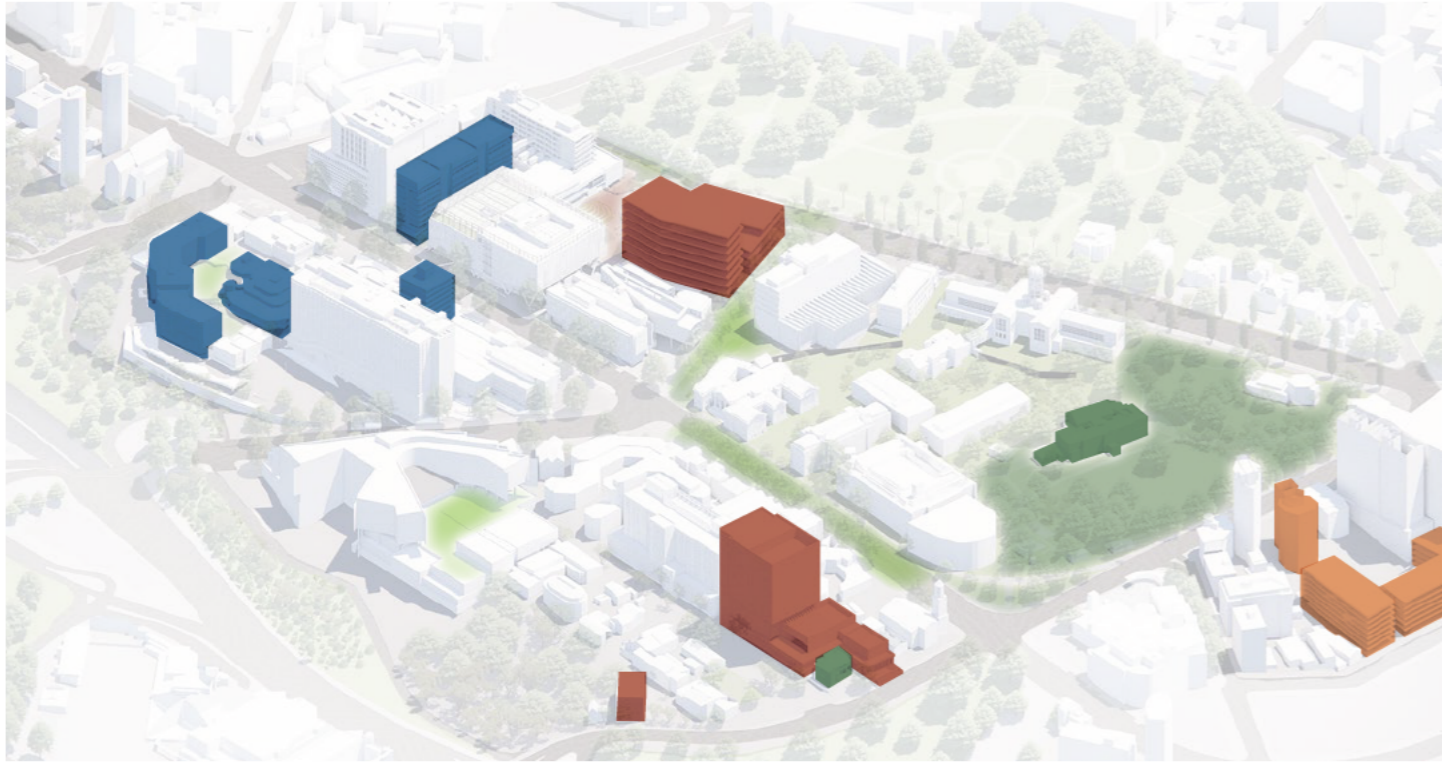
Transformational moves + staging

Realising the transformational moves of the Masterplan will require careful consideration of project staging and scope to minimise disruption, ensure continuity of services, maintain a high-quality student experience, and achieve economic sustainability.

The transformation within Sectors 300 and 100 is particularly complex due to the high level of interdependency between key projects. These include the development of the Student Centre and Library, the refurbishment of the Kate Edger Information Commons Building (B315), the creation of a new Teaching and Learning Centre, and the removal of Buildings B113 and B114 to establish the Sector 100 Heritage Precinct.



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