Waipapa Taumata Rau

The University of Auckland

City Campus Masterplan 2025-2045

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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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- 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

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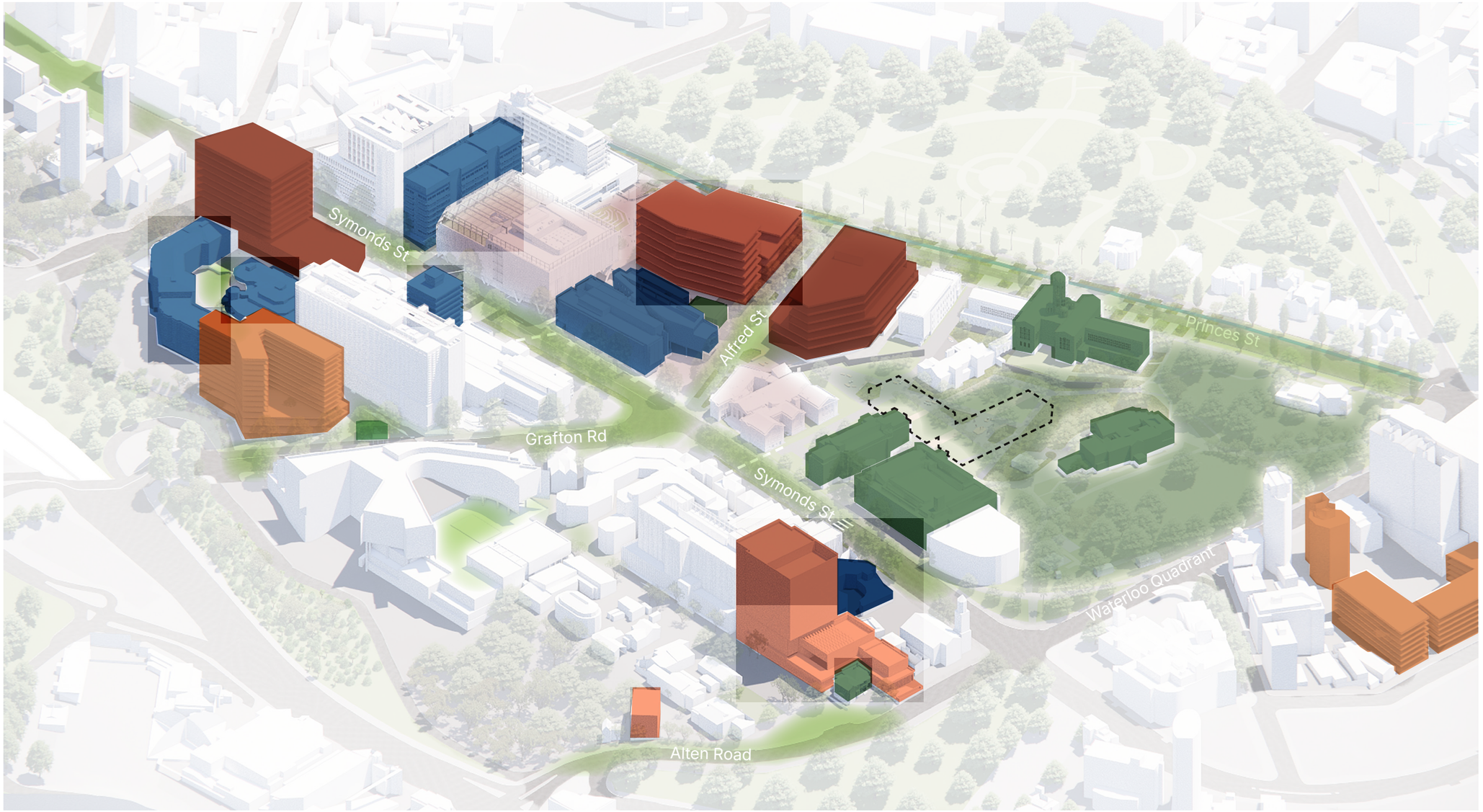

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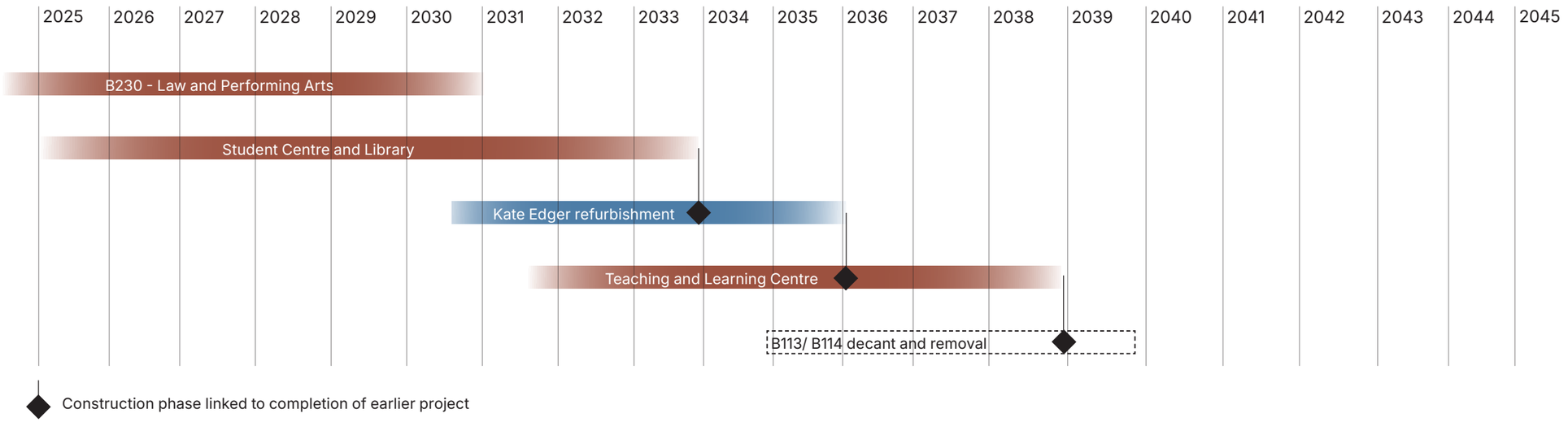
Transformational moves + staging

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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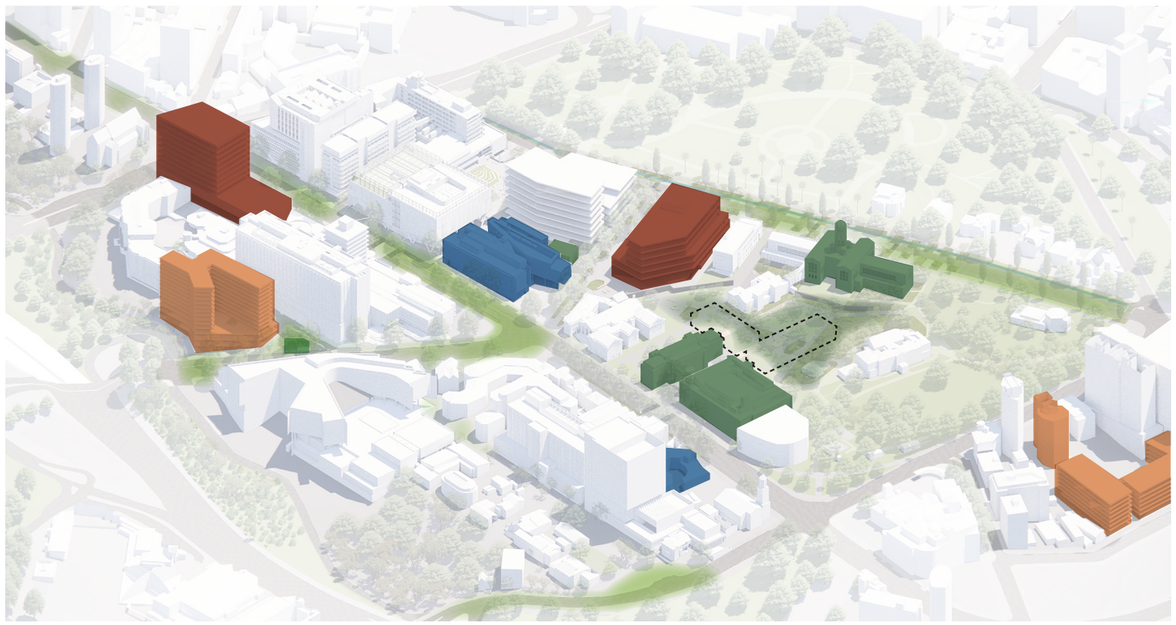

Realising the Masterplan

Introduction

Realising the Vision: Key Projects

The following diagrams outline the projects required to bring the Masterplan to life and realise the exciting future of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

These projects reflect an integrated approach to campus development, supporting the University's ambition to continually strive for design excellence across all aspects of the built environment.

The identified initiatives include:

- A programme of new builds and building renovations to consolidate the University's position as a globally competitive institution through modern, flexible, and future-ready facilities.
- Delivery of student-focused amenities and services enhancing the vitality of campus life and supporting student wellbeing, engagement, and success.
- Street and public realm upgrades improving connectivity, safety, and the quality of exchange between people and place, while reinforcing the campus's integration with the city.
- Open space improvements strengthening the University's connection to its heritage and natural environment, while supporting climate resilience and biodiversity.

Woven through all of these initiatives is a deep respect for the University's heritage and cultural context, ensuring that future development honours the past while shaping a sustainable and inclusive future.



↑Image: The Aquatics Hall in Hīwa Recreation Centre

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Streets and Spaces

Scale 1:5000 at A3

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Key

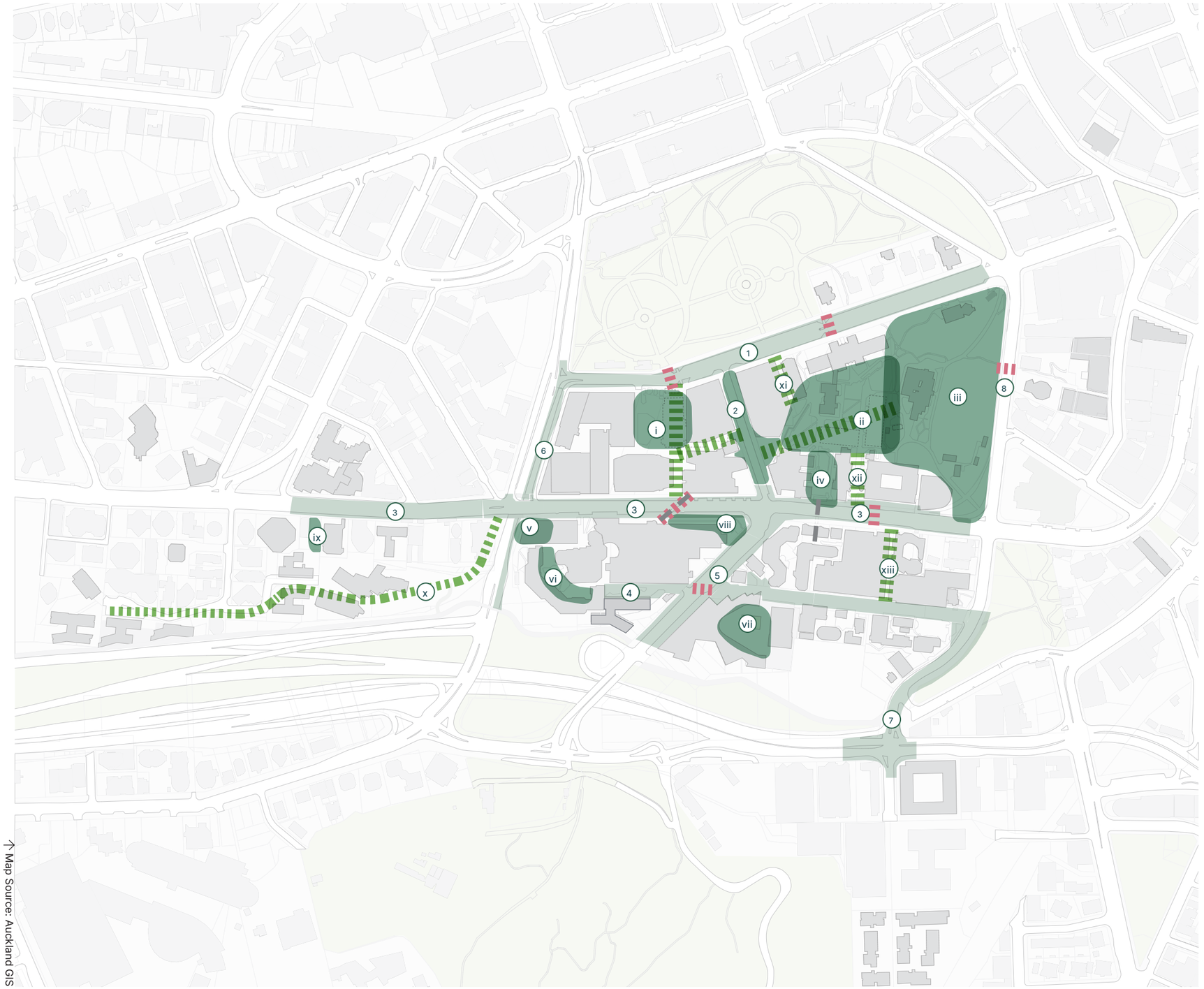
- Open Space Improvement
- Pathway Improvement
- Streetscape and Intersection Improvement
- New and/or Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing
- Underpass Upgrade or Closure

Open Space Projects

- Student Quad (i)
- South of ClockTower Central Open Space (ii)
- Old Government House Grounds (Maintenance) (iii)
- Old Choral Hall Courtyard (iv)
- Gateway Site Open Space (Interim Activation) (v)
- Architecture School Courtyard (vi)
- John Hood Plaza (vii)
- Grafton Road Corner Open Space (viii)
- Community Gardens (ix)
- Student Living Pathway (x)
- Alfred Nathan Pathway (xi)
- Biology Building Pathway (xii)
- Charles Nalden Lane (xiii)

Street Projects

- Princes Street (1)
- Alfred Street Pedestrianisation (2)
- Symonds Street (3)
- Wynyard Street South (4)
- Grafton Road Crossing (5)
- Wellesley Street Active Modes Pathway (6)
- Alten Road and Stanley Street Intersection (7)
- Waterloo Quadrant Mid-Block Crossing (8)



Map Source: Auckland GIS

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Buildings

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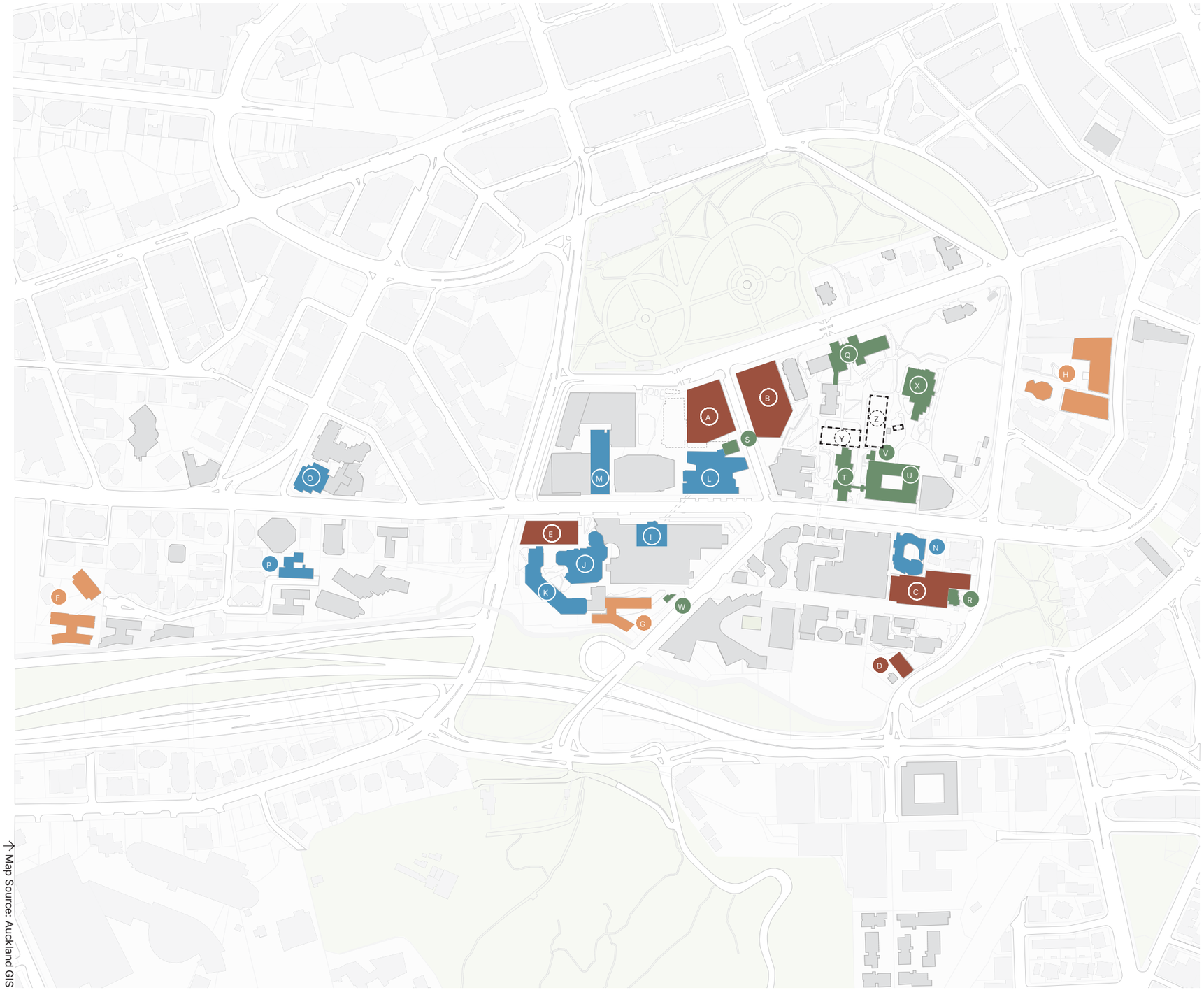
Key

- New Buildings
- Student Living Partnership Opportunity
- Renovation / Adaptive Reuse
- Heritage Upgrade
- Existing Buildings
- Building Removal

Projects

- Student Centre and Library (A)
- Teaching and Learning Centre (B)
- Building 230 - Performing Arts and Faculty Hub (C)
- Kōhanga Reo (D)
- Gateway Project (E)
- 27 Whitaker Place (F)
- B436 Student Living Partnership (G)
- Sector 800 Student Living Partnership (H)
- B410 Engineering Building (I)
- B423 Conference Centre (J)
- B421 Architecture School (K)
- B315 Kate Edger (L)
- B301 Science Building (M)
- B250 Music School (N)
- B620 49 Symonds Street (O)
- University Hall Apartments (P)
- B105N ClockTower (North) (Q)
- B240 5 Alten Road (R)
- B322 AUSA Building (S)
- B106 Biology Building (T)
- B110 Thomas Building (U)
- B118 Lippincott Cottage (V)
- B408 Tuck Shop (W)
- B102 Old Government House (X)
- B113 Removal (Y)
- B114 Removal (Z)



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