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St Vincent's gives green light to \$180 million transformation of St Vincent's Private Hospital Fitzroy

St Vincent's Health Australia is moving ahead with its state-of-the-art, \$180m transformation of St Vincent's Private Hospital Fitzroy.

The new 12-storey building, adjacent to the existing private hospital, is designed to increase opportunities for sharing research and clinical expertise with both St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and the soon-to-be-built Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery (ACMD) – all located on the same Fitzroy campus – allowing for more integrated treatment and care.

Stage 1 of the redevelopment begins in October 2021 and is scheduled for completion in January 2024.

Highlights of the design include four state-of-the-art operating theatres, all equipped to deliver the latest techniques in robotic and image-guided surgery; a new Intensive Care Unit; new radiology services, which will support single-visit diagnosis, assessment and treatment; new birthing suites and a new Special Care Nursery; and a brand new virtual care hub, to assist in providing high quality at-home services.

Greater integration with the broader St Vincent's Melbourne campus will mean St Vincent's Private patients will be able to gain immediate advantage from the ACMD's cutting-edge research, leading to a leap forward in patient care and experience.

Another key focus for the redeveloped Fitzroy Private will be neurology and neurosurgery, an area of internationally-recognised expertise across the St Vincent's Melbourne campus. In early 2021 researchers and clinicians at the ACMD announced they had developed a world-first implant device that had successfully treated severe epilepsy.

The Fitzroy Private project is set to create around 1,600 construction jobs in its first year and close to 2,000 jobs over the life of the build.

“The redevelopment of St Vincent’s Private Hospital Fitzroy is about taking a clinically-led, campus-wide approach to healthcare. By better integrating our care across the St Vincent’s Melbourne campus, we can deliver even better outcomes for our patients,” said St Vincent’s Health Australia’s Group CEO, Toby Hall.

“A key component of the new St Vincent’s Private Hospital will be our Virtual Care Hub. This will enable virtual service delivery across the full spectrum of care, including: at-home monitoring of high risk people and chronic conditions; an ‘intelligent hub’, to capture data from inpatient and high acuity patients, alerting clinicians so they can intervene early; multi-user telehealth consultations as an option for patients and their families; and a control centre for a wide range of home-based services.

“We will also expand St Vincent’s Private Fitzroy’s collaboration with the nearby Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery – Australia’s first biomedical engineering research centre co-located on a hospital campus – to fast-track research discoveries for our patients.

“One of the hallmarks of Australia’s successful response to COVID-19 was how private hospitals – including our own – worked in partnership with the public system, creating extra capacity and complementary care and support when it was needed most.

“It confirmed for us that a more integrated St Vincent’s Melbourne campus – where patients can transition between our hospitals; and where research and medical breakthroughs are shared across the entire precinct – is the future.

“The pandemic has influenced the design of the building in other ways. For example, the ICU will feature air-conditioning that can be switched into ‘pandemic mode’ to provide a safer environment for both patients and staff in the event that becomes necessary.

“This is a once in a generation opportunity to build on the brilliant work of our clinicians and researchers and write a new chapter in the proud history of St Vincent’s in Melbourne.

“We’re extremely excited at what the future holds,” said Mr Hall.

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