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## **WORK BEGINS ON \$18M LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE EXPANSION**

Australia's premier Liberal Arts college is about to undergo a significant building expansion after the first shovels were laid into the earth today.

The \$18.5 million project will see a new Academic Centre added to Campion College, based in Western Sydney, which will greatly boost the college's student capacity and educational facilities.

The first stage of construction will focus on a new academic wing, including a two-story library, lecture theatres and classrooms, as well as a large dining hall which will double as an event space.

The building expansion will also include an underground carpark, four new residential halls and a circular drive around the campus in Toongabbie.

Campion President Paul Morrissey said he was thrilled the long-anticipated building project was now underway.

"The Academic Centre has been in the works for some time, and I couldn't be more pleased to see these plans come to fruition," Dr Morrissey said.

"Campion has earned a great reputation since opening in 2006, and we're all very excited to see it flourish and grow so that even more students can live and study here."

The Federal and NSW State Governments have both committed \$5 million to the project, which will cater to the growing number of students keen to study Campion's highly-rated degree. The college will soon launch a capital campaign to raise the remaining funds for the development.

Campion College has continuously outranked every Australian university for undergraduate satisfaction in the annual Student Experience Survey since its release, making Campion's liberal arts course the number one Bachelor of Arts degree in the country.

Dr Morrissey said he was proud to know the project would not only contribute to the liberal arts in Australia, but also help support the economy in these difficult and uncertain times.

Campion has been widely endorsed by public figures such as former Prime Minister John Howard, Greg Sheridan and the late Roger Scruton for its three-year Bachelor degree, which encompasses studies in philosophy, theology, history, literature and science.

The Academic Centre is set to be completed in 2022.

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