

FAQs

Q. What is a multi-campus school?

A. Essentially, it means it is the same school but run from two different locations. All operations are consolidated and every attempt is made to treat the two sites the same.

Q. Will we still be called Hume Anglican Grammar?

A. The name of the school will not change. To allow identification between the two sites, it is probable the current site be referred to as the Mt Ridley Campus, and the new site the Donnybrook Campus.

Q. Will the fees be the same?

A. Yes, the fee structure will be the same regardless of which campus the family attends.

Q. Is it possible to move my child from one campus to another?

A. Parents may elect to move sites. If there are places available, a process would then be followed.

Q. Is it possible that I may be asked to move my child from one site to another?

A. No. You would enrol your child to either the Mt Ridley or Donnybrook campus.

Q. Will there be a different uniform?

A. No, the Hume uniform will be the same for both campuses. However, it is not uncommon in multi-campus schools for each campus to have a distinctive feature. For example, a different tie or coloured shirt.

Q. Will the curriculum be the same?

A. Yes, the curriculum and programs will be consistent between the sites.

Q. What if there are not yet facilities available at the Donnybrook site?

A. In time more and more buildings and grounds will come on line at the new campus. Until then it will be possible to move students to the Mt Ridley campus to access such resources if required.

Q. How many students will the new campus hold?

A. It is planned for the new site to have about the same number of students as Mt Ridley, approximately 1,200 from Prep to Year 12.

Q. Where is the new campus?

A. It is an 8-hectare site located off Donnybrook Road, approximately 10 kilometres away and less than 10 minutes' drive.

Q. What does this mean in terms of the governance and management of the school?

A. There is no change anticipated for the governance of the School. The current Board of Directors will continue to fulfil its role for the whole school. In regards to management, the Principal will continue to lead the School and normally a Head of Campus would be appointed who would report to the Principal and be a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Q. Will this mean that the development of buildings and grounds will slow down at Mt Ridley so as to allocate funds to the new site?

A. The development of the new campus will be funded separately, along with government grants where available. Whilst the two campuses are fully integrated, the day to day finances will be managed separately for each site.

Q. Who are the developers?

A. As with all partnerships it is important that we work together and neither party gets out of step with the other. Soon, when the time is appropriate more details of the project will be released.

Q. What year levels will be taught?

A. The new campus will be Prep to Year 12. However, this will be staged and the first year may only see the early years being offered. Then each year as the school grows further year levels will be available. This is dependent upon enrolment interest and may be accelerated depending upon demand.

Q. I have children from multiple year levels. What happens if a year level is not yet available at the new site?

A. The new campus will open with year levels available in the lower primary years. For those levels not yet available, there will be a shuttle bus service to and from Mt Ridley to Donnybrook at the start and end of each day. Then when year levels become available, children of a family will all be able to attend the one site.

Q. What will the Mt Ridley enrolments look like in 2019 when the new campus opens?

A. Mt Ridley will be almost at capacity with over 1,120 students. Most importantly, the Primary School will be at near capacity. This will allow those who are unable to find a place at Mt Ridley to still access a Hume education, all be it at the new site. There will however still be many places available in the Secondary School.

Q. I already have a child at Hume, and hope to send my younger children when they come of school age. Will there be a place for them, or will they have to attend the new campus?

A. There is no change anticipated to the enrolment process. Parents are urged to enrol their children as soon as possible to avoid missing a place. Some year levels fill very quickly, especially Prep, and this will become even more so in future years. It is not possible to hold a place for a sibling if they are not formally enrolled.

Q. Will there be out-of-school-hours care?

A. Yes, there will be care similar to that available at Mt Ridley.

Q. I have younger pre-school children. Will there be an Early Learning Centre or Kinder?

A. It is intended the new campus have an ELC/Kinder which will open in the early years.

Q. When will the new campus open?

A. At this point, we are confident that it will open in 2019. However, the partnership with the developer is crucial to ensure success; therefore, both organisations will be closely aligned in the development.

Q. Will teachers at Mt Ridley be transferred to Donnybrook?

A. It may be possible for teachers to relocate at the new site. However, as this is growth of the school, it is expected that most positions will be through new appointees. There is no doubt some existing staff will wish to be part of the development of the new campus.

Q. St Peter's Church currently uses the Chapel as their Church. Will the new site have a similar arrangement?

A. A Chapel is on the masterplan, and the School would be very open to an arrangement for this to operate as a parish church for the community.