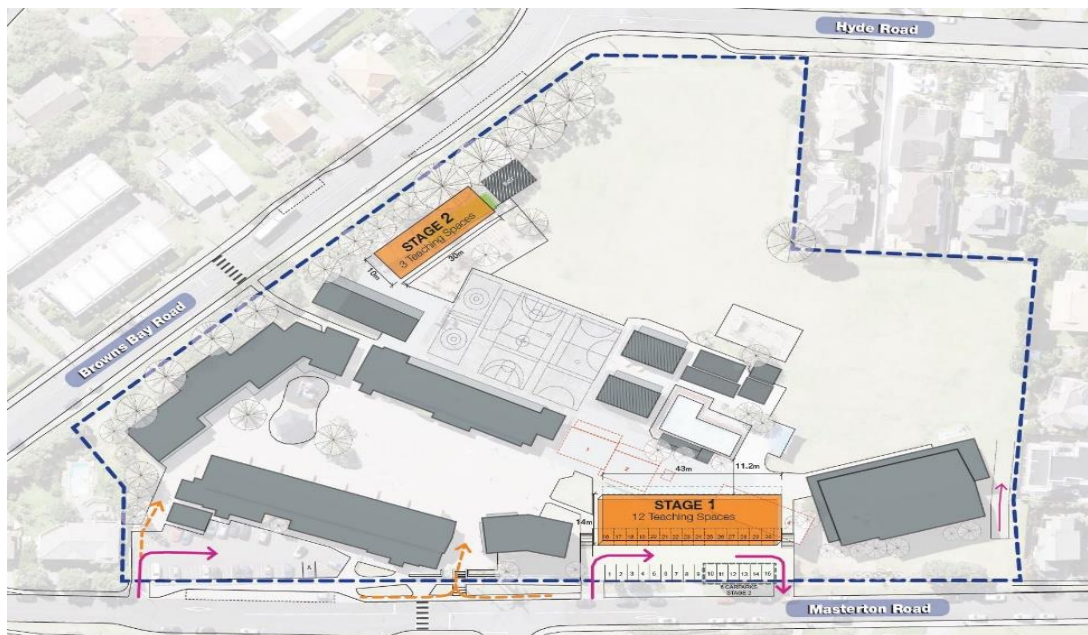


ROLL GROWTH PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

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Browns Bay School has a growing roll (even with our school zone restrictions), and over the years there has been regular discussion with the Ministry of Education (MOE) Property Group on how to manage classroom space. This has been an ongoing issue since we converted the Technology suite back into the Room 12 classroom in 2014, we were then allocated Room 26, and then we converted our Resource Room into Room 13. These were stop-gap solutions to address a growing student roll as it occurred. The Board of Trustees has worked tirelessly over these past years to get the MOE to arrive at a permanent solution (a Master Plan) and this has now become a reality.

Over the holiday break we were advised that a Browns Bay School Master Plan had been approved, by the MOE Design Panel. The Master Plan took into account the site, population patterns, various building options and current infrastructure. It was decided that the best Plan would be in two stages:

- Stage 1: 12 classroom block located in the area of Room 18 – 21
- Stage 2: 3 classroom block located in the area of Room 26 – 28

The points around this plan are that:

- Rooms 18 to 21 will be removed / demolished and replaced with a two storey block with 6 Teaching Spaces on each level
- Car-parking will be under the large building
- Rooms 27 and 28 will be removed once the large block is completed
- Relocation of swimming pool changing rooms and other sheds

School management along with two Board members (Jerry Dai and Nick Brown) will be in regular meetings with the MOE team and GHD designers to develop a Concept Design for Stage 1. It is planned that Stage 1 will be available from 2022 with the Stage 2 Project planned to follow the completion of Stage 1.

A team of teachers is working with Jo Robson (Education Consultant) as part of the Concept Design stage. Our main desire is to have a flexible, modern build for our Year 5 and 6 students (in 2022). These will be modern learning classrooms as per the Ministry of Education policy for new builds and over the next couple of years the teaching staff will be putting their minds to how classes will work in that new type of environment.