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Education Central

• Perth Academic College
• New Home for Scitech
• Perth Modern School Local School
Being a dad with young kids, I know just how important a quality school system is to WA parents.

Sarah and I have three kids. We know what it’s like for WA parents - we want to make sure our kids have every opportunity to get the skills they need to get decent jobs when they grow up.

WA Labor supports public education and believes that every child deserves a quality education, no matter where they live.

Student enrolment numbers in our inner city and inner western suburbs are peaking. Schools are becoming overcrowded. These areas need a new high school.

A McGowan Labor Government will build Education Central, a purpose built facility to house Western Australia’s academic select school, co-located with SciTech at Perth City Link.

Perth Modern School in Subiaco will be established as a new local intake secondary school easing pressure on other high schools in the area and re-establishing it as a much loved part of the local community.

This is part of our commitment to providing quality education, close to where people live.

This plan is innovative and it’s exciting. It’s part of our fresh approach for WA.

Mark McGowan
WA Labor Leader
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Build Education Central, a purpose built facility in the new Perth City Link precinct to house the new Perth Academic College and Scitech.

• Create 500 new jobs during the construction phase of Education Central.

• Establish Perth Academic College as an academic select school for 1,500 students set to open in 2020, relocating from Perth Modern School.

• Co-locate Scitech in the new Education Central building with purpose built facilities including a new dedicated outdoor area and a significant increase in its size.

• Re-establish the Perth Modern School site in Subiaco as a new local intake secondary school including refurbished facilities to cater for an additional 200 students.
A McGowan Labor Government will build Education Central near Yagan Square in the Perth City Link Precinct. During the construction phase of Education Central 500 new jobs will be created.

The building will incorporate sustainable design features and will focus on energy and water efficiency and will achieve design excellence in environment sustainability.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- **Build Education Central**, a purpose built facility in the new Perth City Link precinct to house the Perth Academic College and Scitech.
- **Create 500 new jobs** during the construction phase of Education Central.

Education Central will be integrated into the Perth City Link project. While the final site will be determined in government, Lot 9 North and 10 North near Yagan Square are the options that have been identified.

The Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, Perth City Link Design Guidelines released in May 2015 provided the design specifications for each of the buildings in Perth City Link (PCL). The design for these two sites is a podium design with a tower set back from the street and public realm.

The current identified land uses for these sites include: shops, cinema complex, event and performance space, artist’s studios, offices and residential.

The podium design creates a unique opportunity to develop two open spaces: one for Scitech on the lower podium and one for the Education Central Academic College on the roof top.

Perth City Link is designed to support pedestrian, cyclists and public transport users and the buildings. Car parking options including parking bays, MOUs with existing city car parks and convenient drop off facilities will be included in the design.

Perth City Link is the ideal location for a new home for Scitech and Perth Academic College.

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**Perth City Link Lots Plan**

Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, Perth City Link EOI, Appendix 1, 2016

**MRA Design Specifications**

Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, Perth City Link Design Guidelines, May 2015, p87
Perth Academic College

A McGowan Labor Government will relocate the academic select school currently located at Perth Modern School site into a purpose built academic select school located within Education Central, the new Perth City Link precinct.

- A McGowan Labor Government will establish Perth Academic College as an academic select school for 1,500 students set to open in 2020.

While a final decision on the name will be made in consultation with the school community, Perth Academic College will house the academically select school currently operating at Perth Modern School.

Perth Academic College will be ready to take students by the start of the school year in 2020.

Moving the academically select school into the Perth CBD provides exciting opportunities on many levels.

It will take advantage of the existing transport hub around the Perth Train Station enabling students to travel to and from school with ease. There are currently 1,340 students at Perth Modern School who travel from across the metropolitan Perth area.

The school would also be expanded to accommodate up to 1,500 academically select students.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) will be entered into with a range of existing facilities including the State Theatre Centre, the Art Gallery of WA and the State Library.

This new school will be approximately 17,000 square metres and will be specifically designed and fitted out with latest technology and equipment to reflect a modern school, servicing some of the State’s most academically gifted children.

This vertical high school will include an auditorium performance space for the academically select students who will also have the capacity to use the facilities of the nearby State Theatre Centre of WA.

The school will reside in the top floors of the building and will encompass outdoor learning areas on every floor, and an outdoor playing space on the roof.

Separate dedicated lifts will service the school, as an added safety feature.

Key Features
- Purpose built modern facility
- Latest technology and equipment
- Indoor sport centre facilities
- Outdoor playing and learning space on the roof
- Dedicated secure lifts to access the school
- Located above SciTech
- Centrally located
- Easy access to public transport
- Increased intake of 1,500 academically select students
- Open in 2020
**Education Central a New Home for Scitech**

A McGowan Labor Government will build Education Central, a purpose built facility and co-locate Scitech with the new Perth Academic College.

Located in Perth City Link the new Scitech will be located on the ground and lower floors, and will incorporate cafes, conference facilities and opening science learning environments for visitors and Scitech members.

**A McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **Co-locate Scitech in the new Education Central building with purpose built facilities including a new dedicated outdoor area and a significant increase in its size.**

- **Provide additional offsite workshop space to assist Scitech to expand its business.**

Close to public transport this provides an exciting opportunity for a McGowan Labor Government to assist Scitech to relocate to an easily accessible, purpose built building in the Perth CBD, co-located with a new academic select school.

Scitech will grow from its current size of 8,000 sqm to 14,000 sqm. With a dedicated outdoor area on the podium, Scitech will be able to expand and create additional opportunities to interact with the community including conferences and cinema facilities or planetarium.

It will also facilitate the Perth Academic College having a (STEM) focus and a partnership with a University.

Scitech currently engages nearly half a million Western Australians, in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education every year. With these expanded facilities and venue options Scitech will engage with many thousands more.

WA Labor will assist Scitech to relocate to the new Education Central building and will assist with the fit out of 14,000 sqm.

Scitech will be of academic benefit for secondary students who are academically gifted.

Scitech must vacate their City West premises and be at a new home by 2025.

Education Central will be built in time for the Perth Academic College to be open for the start of the school year in 2020 so Scitech can plan their move with certainty.

The new Scitech will have exhibition space, conference facilities, cafes and cinema facilities near the Perth CBD, with easy access to public transport and car parking.

Scitech has also been expanding its business model to include international travelling exhibition rentals. They reported a 7 per cent increase in revenue from this source in their 2015-16 Annual Report including from longer term rentals from a range of venues across North America.¹

In order to assist Scitech in their goal to be a world leader in the science centre field and deliver world class STEM products, additional offsite workshop space will be provided to grow this aspect of their business.

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¹ Scitech Annual Report 2015-16, p15
Perth Modern School - Intake for the Local Community

As the oldest high school in Western Australia, Perth Modern School is a school steeped in history and will once again be transformed into a local intake school.

- A McGowan Labor Government will re-establish Perth Modern School as a new local intake secondary school including refurbished facilities to cater for an additional 200 students

This will ease enrolment pressures on existing high schools and create an exciting opportunity for the local community to once again educate their children at a state of the art high school close to where they live.

Perth Modern School was, prior to being an academic select school, the local intake school for the area. It has outstanding modern learning facilities and will once again become the Senior High School for local students. It will have its facilities refurbished to cater for an extra 200 students.

Enrolments to the Perth Modern School will be phased in by Year group in the same way any new school is currently opened and populated. This will help build the culture of the school allowing the students to develop their sense of ownership. This will begin with its first intake of Year 7 and potentially year 8 students in 2020 and by 2025 it will accommodate 1,500 Year 7 - 12 students.

Local intake boundaries, that is the geographical boundaries within which local schools can draw students, will be amended to take enrolment pressure off Churchlands Senior High School, Shenton College and Mt Lawley Senior High School and take effect when Perth Modern School opens as a local intake school in 2020.

Perth Modern School – Key Features

- Transformed into a local intake school
- Increased to 1,500 students
- Refurbished facilities
- Commence enrolments in 2020
- Guarantee existing residents in the new local intake boundaries a choice
- Younger siblings can enrol at the same school as their older sibling
- Students currently enrolled can complete their schooling at their existing school
The specific details of each of the new intake areas will be announced later in 2017.

However it’s clear from our consultation with local communities that many parents with children attending the local feeder public primary schools to those three secondary schools have an expectation of sending their children to one of those schools and have made decisions about where to live based on existing secondary school intake areas.

Accordingly, a McGowan Labor Government will guarantee that residents currently within the existing local intake areas of these schools will, from 2020, have an entitlement to attend either the new local intake Perth Modern School or Churchlands Senior High School, Shenton College or Mt Lawley Senior High School.

Also students enrolled in their local secondary school in 2019 will be able to complete their schooling at that school. Younger siblings of these children will also be able to enrol in the same school as long as the older sibling is enrolled and, once commenced, will be able to complete their schooling at that school.

Establishing Perth Modern School as a local intake school will ease pressure on other high schools. In 2016, Mt Lawley Senior High School had 1,562 students enrolled with projected enrolments of 2,375 students by 2025. Currently Shenton College has 1,946 students and Churchlands has 2,486 students and student projections are 2,500 at Shenton and 3,850 at Churchlands by 2025.
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