KEON-COHEN DINING HALL
A NEW PLACE TO MEET AND EAT
Scotch seeks to empower boys to find their interests, make best use of their talents and, in doing so, pursue lives of engagement, responsibility, purpose and service.

A Scotch education is founded on experience and rich traditions, strengthened with the fruits of reflection and research. The continuing development of our wonderful campus at Hawthorn is designed to support the School’s educational objectives.

Scotch’s educational strategy is premised on intimacy, relationships and engagement, and based on conversations of learning amongst boys and staff. By knowing each boy, we are able to identify and make the most of his opportunities, developing interests that can become passions and fostering habits of mind that will continue with him for life. The new Keon-Cohen Dining Hall will play a central role in achieving these outcomes.

The Keon-Cohen Dining Hall will sit in the centre of a precinct that will become very much the boys’ space; a space that they will own. It will be the Scotch agora: a meeting place, a marketplace, an informal collision space where students go for conversations that inform learning, help build confidence and self-expression, develop skills of inquiry and questioning, and create identity and belonging.

The Dining Hall will be a place that will invite boys to wander in and out, as they meet, relax, chat, have a coffee, read the paper, go online, read articles, talk about what they’ve been up to, and discuss their work.

As in the past, the School, and the School Council, supported by the Foundation, will look to engage the Scotch Family to help deliver this important and exciting project.

The Hon Dr David Kemp AC (OS 1959)
Chairman, Scotch College Council

Mr I Tom Batty
Principal
ABOUT THE PROJECT

Recent developments at Scotch have seen the School creating homes for rowing, music, drama, science, and design and technology. The Keon-Cohen Dining Hall, and the surrounding precinct, will be a home for the boys.

The Dining Hall and Cafeteria will be a modern replacement for the aged tuckshop — a place where boys can share a coffee or juice, buy from a range of nutritious foods, or eat food from home in a civilised environment that encourages interaction and conversation.
The Keon-Cohen Dining Hall and the Senior School Precinct are being purposely formed to embrace and enhance conversational learning at Scotch. The Senior School House Home Rooms will be located nearby to support pastoral care and the development of each boy. The concept extends the Keon-Cohen Building to the west, allowing for a large refectory dining space. It incorporates a canteen kitchen within the existing eastern end of the building, and introduces a part mezzanine. The project also includes associated landscaping to create an open square where conversations can continue outdoors.

The Dining Hall will also be a gathering area and function place for the Scotch Family during after school hours.

**HERITAGE**

The Keon-Cohen project is an opportunity to celebrate Scotch’s history. The building is one of the earliest buildings on campus and was originally the Senior School gym. Over time, it has been crowded out by later developments. As we clear the areas around it, it is also an opportunity to strip the building back to reveal its former structure and aesthetics. The building is named in honour of Colin Henry Keon-Cohen CMG OBE (OS 1925), who left his estate as a bequest to Scotch on his death in 1982. This bequest forms a significant part of the Scotch College Foundation Endowment Fund (Corpus). The Dining Hall is named in recognition of Colin’s outstanding generosity to his School.

**STUDENT FOCUSED**

Scotch Senior School boys have been restricted to outdoor spaces at recess and lunchtime in all weather conditions. The creation of a facility for boys to meet and eat in a civilised and respectful manner is well overdue. This will be their space. It will empower our boys with responsibility, opportunity and voice.

**WELLBEING, FOOD AND LEARNING**

The School is committed to providing nutritious and appetising food choices for students and staff alike. This project recognises the social benefits of good food, and the rituals associated with food have always been important in creating community — the word companion is derived from Latin for ‘someone with whom we break bread’.

**SPACES AND FACILITIES**

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**PRECINCT CENTREPIECE**

The Keon-Cohen Dining Hall will form the centrepiece of a new student precinct in the Senior School. It will interplay with everything that sits around it, including the square, the House Home Rooms, the Main Quadrangle and the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre for Science.
PROJECT TIMINGS

Work on this exciting project is anticipated to begin in August 2018, with the new Precinct and Dining Hall expected to be operating by January 2020.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

So much at Scotch has been achieved through the generosity of the Scotch Family. The facilities which current boys and staff enjoy are largely the result of the generosity of generations which have invested in our boys and their School.

The Scotch of today is the result of longstanding philanthropic commitment by many.

The School Council, the Principal and the Scotch College Foundation – with the support of the Old Scotch Collegians’ Association – are committed to this next exciting development in Scotch’s educational facilities.

I hope you will join us in continuing the momentum, as we look to provide the facilities and learning environment that empowers the very best education for each generation of Scotch boys.

Assoc Prof Doug Lording (OS 1964)
President, Scotch College Foundation