



More than a school: Building a true learning community at Doveton College



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Doveton College is an Australian first in the delivery of truly integrated community infrastructure. The “school” is built on a unique partnership between DEECD and the Colman Foundation to provide wrap-around services for the families and children in the local community. The project is the first to specifically target a community with the aim of dramatically boosting educational standards and whole-life opportunities for the children and young people of the community through early intervention, family support and community integration.

Services include a school that caters from birth to year nine with fully integrated early learning programs, maternal and child health services, Counselling services, a diverse range of allied health consulting, employment assistance for families, adult education and training and referral services to other health services. Dual use community and education facilities include a community multipurpose hub, Library, Performing arts and sports centres. School learning spaces are also used outside school hours for community education. The complex, designed for 1000 students on 2.6 hectares, provides a nurturing and inspiring environment for students and their families to learn and prosper.

The entire enterprise is managed by the School Board, which has linkages with at least 19 organisations that provide services at the college.

This event will offer participants a unique and very rare opportunity to tour the college while in operation, hear about the latest research into connected communities and have a discourse with the key players in the College’s development and operation.

Planned Speakers include:

Bretton New - College Executive Principal and member of the original planning committee.

June McLoughlin – College Director of Family Services and former Chair of the National Childcare Accreditation Council board.

Laurence Robinson – Brand Architects – Project Director for the design of the College facilities.

Dr. Sara Glover – Director of Education Policy at the Mitchell Institute for Education and Health Policy.

Associate Professor John Fitzgerald - School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

Registrations are strictly limited to 150. Registrations will also be limited by employment sector to ensure a diverse audience for the day, so book early to avoid disappointment! CEFPI members: \$150 + GST, Non-members: \$195 + GST

Date: 21st November 2014, 9am – 3pm (Morning tea and Lunch provided)

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This event will be followed by CEFPI AGM and Victorian Chapter School Design Awards at the new Architecture Faculty building at the University of Melbourne. Entry to the awards drinks and presentation is free with registration.

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