Deakin University is building an Imaginarium at its Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus to provide students with an immersive and collaborative learning environment.

The Imaginarium is being built to support a new teaching methodology for the Faculty of Arts and Education – iSee. It is a technology-rich learning space that allows students to be immersed into endless environments, conditions and eras. With visual and audio simulations, students can be transported to another time and place to learn, engage and research.

What will it look like?

The Imaginarium is a 75m² circular flexible teaching space with projectors mounted on to the ceiling to project 360 degree images, and high quality visual simulations on to the walls.

Also being constructed as part of this project:

- **A Tool Room** for content creation featuring high tech equipment and specialist tech staff to service and operate the daily functions of the Imaginarium.

- **A Think Tank**, a multi-functional 75m² space predominantly designed for interactive collaboration to support the Imaginarium experiences. It will include several writable surfaces, adjustable furniture arrangements and mobile video conferencing capabilities.

- **Informal learning spaces**, which are critical to support the use of the Imaginarium, as well as provide a flexible yet designated area for Arts and Education students to engage.

Where is it located?

The Imaginarium will be located in Building IC, Level 1, facing north towards the lake. It will be positioned adjacent to the circular shaped Think Tank. Both spaces will sit within an interconnected flexible learning space to encourage informal learning.

What to expect

**Construction hours**
Tradepeople will be on site weekdays 7am- 5pm and Saturdays 7am- 3pm.

**Building and pedestrian access**
There will be no access to Level 1 through the main entries, lift or the main stairwell. Access will also be closed between Building IB and IC on Level 1.

**Noise**
There will be some noise impacts for Building IC occupants. General construction noise such as power tools, drilling and machinery is expected.

**Visual**
You will see a construction site with tradespeople, temporary fencing, ply hoarding, tools and construction machinery.

**Other**
There will be some dust and fumes generated throughout construction. Hoarding and additional protection measures will be installed to control this as much as reasonably possible.

Key benefits

- Enables global collaboration and connectivity, immersive experiences and exploration
- Increases opportunities for cultural exchange by encouraging creative and collaborative learning
- Facilitates forecasted growth in enrolments for the Faculty of Arts and Education.

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Building IC staff and storage relocation

Directly impacted staff will be given the opportunity to relocate while the construction of the Imaginarium is underway. Spaces have been allocated for this and these staff will receive further information as we draw closer to the commencement of construction.

For teams who have items in storage on Level 1, the project team has sourced alternative storage spaces on Level 3 and will assist in relocating these items.

Further information

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