

Architect announced for Gold Coast campus first building

Southern Cross University has announced that architecture and design firm, Woodhead has been commissioned to design the 'foundation' building for their new Gold Coast campus.

The new campus has been master planned to sit within the Gold Coast Airport Development Park and the first stage will be ready to receive students early in 2009.

According to Woodhead Principal, Mark Clements the foundation building will be the first stage of the project and will feature approximately 5,000 to 6000 m² of floor space and associated infrastructure.

"The scope of work includes the development of a built form strategy for the entire four hectare site", said Clements. "The emphasis will be on the distribution of building types to ensure maximum site capacity whilst also accommodating future growth."

Professor Paul Clark, Vice-Chancellor Southern Cross University said the new Gold Coast campus would incorporate contemporary architecture and landscaping with consideration to the environment.

"We will be incorporating best practice environmental design which will showcase the University's commitment to environmental sustainability."

"We are extremely pleased with the progress to date and are excited about the educational opportunities this new campus will provide for people in northern NSW and southern Queensland," said Professor Clark.

The new campus will span the Queensland and New South Wales border and will be accessed via the Gold Coast Highway and the Tweed Heads bypass when it is completed.

Construction will commence in late 2007 with completion expected by late 2008.

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