



Building Our Future

The global economic crisis has been bad news for many people, so it is nice to see at least *one* good thing come from it. An important part of the Federal Government's Economic Stimulus Package is the *Building the Education Revolution* programme (BER). Our Coptic Colleges will benefit from this unique opportunity to significantly improve their facilities. St Mark's College submitted applications for all three BER grant programmes but was successful in only two of them. Under the *Schools Pride* programme the College was granted \$200,000 for much needed maintenance and refurbishment work to existing facilities. The *Primary Schools* programme will provide \$2million dollars to help pay for a new multipurpose hall / gymnasium. Unfortunately only 12 of the neediest independent schools in NSW qualified for a grant under the *Science and Language Learning Centres* programme which meant that St Mark's missed out. The good news is that the College is awaiting news on its submission for a fourth grant, the annual *Block Grant Authority* Capital Grant, to help fund the much needed Science labs.

100 year old architectural firm, Robertson & Marks has designed a new Master Plan for the site including the two house lots that were added a few years ago. They have developed an exciting vision for the future. The coming stage of buildings will include submerging the car park partially underground, building the multipurpose hall over the top of it, moving the cramped staff facilities into a new Administration annexe that will connect the two houses, renovating the classrooms thus freed into state of the art Science facilities, and most exciting of all, clearing the demountable buildings to make way for a greatly enlarged playground!

Future stages include a new Library block and then Primary classrooms, which should see the end of the last of our demountables. But this year's project will require the College to contribute \$1million out of a total cost of \$3.7million. Rather than borrow this whole amount and raise our outstanding loan balance to \$4.2million, we are calling upon our community to get behind the College and make a tax deductible donation to the Building Fund. The less we borrow now, the sooner our children will be able to enjoy their much needed new Library, planned for the next stage.

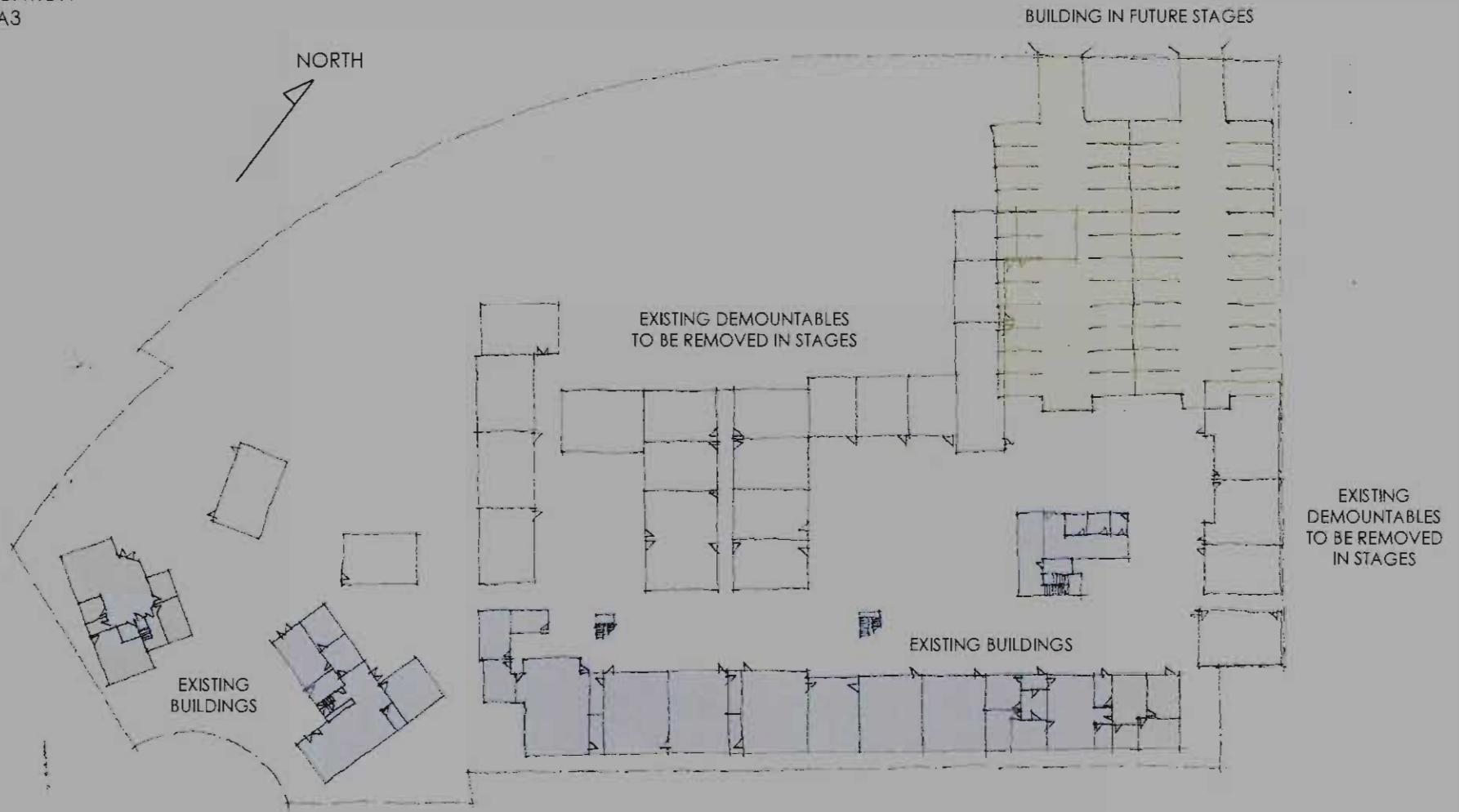
You **CAN** make a difference – every little bit counts!

Contact the school for information on how to enrol: 9825-6768.

More news and information at www.stmarks.nsw.edu.au

TYPICAL SKETCH BUILDING BASEMENT LEVEL PLAN

FOR BGA APPLICATION
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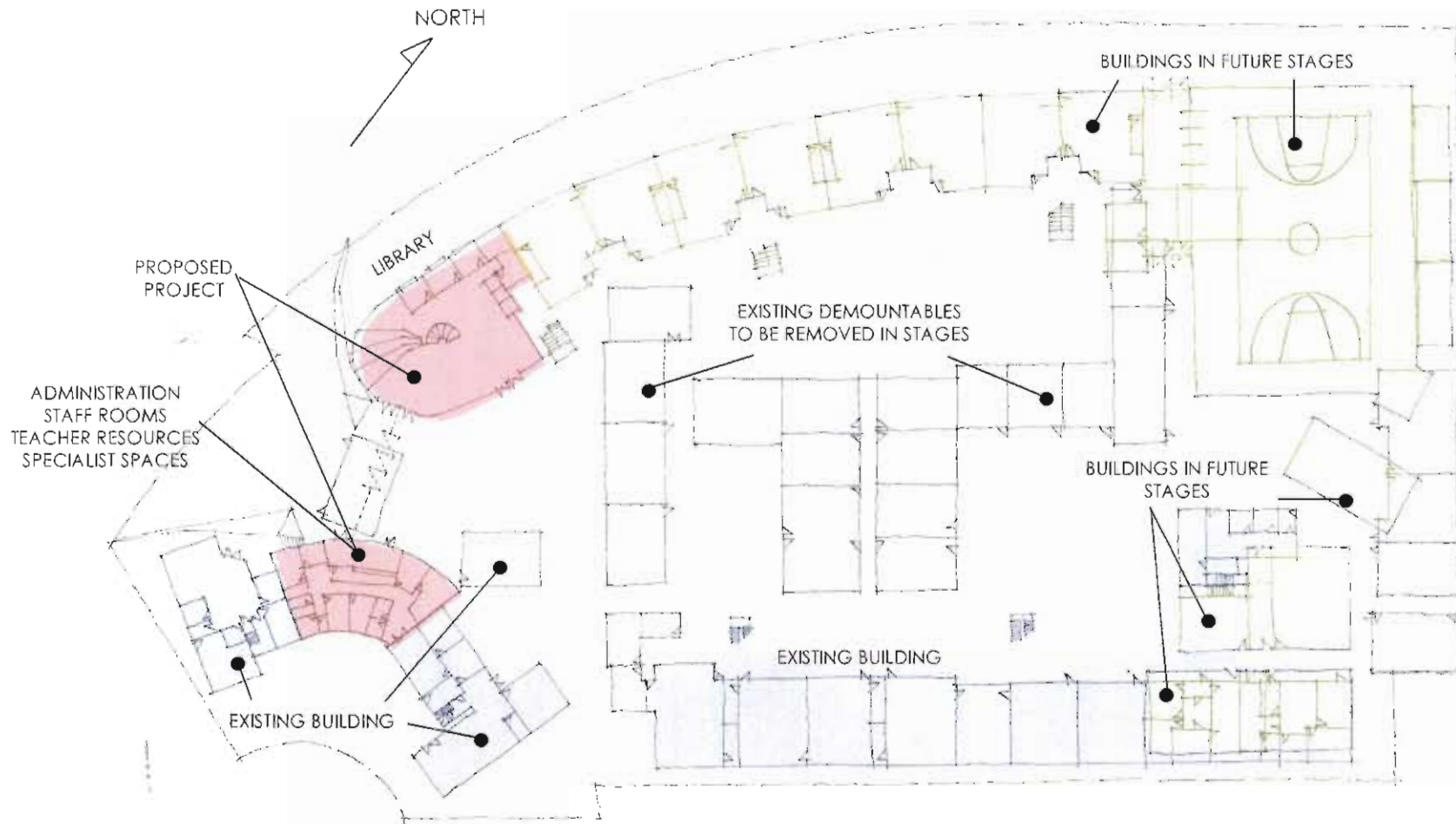
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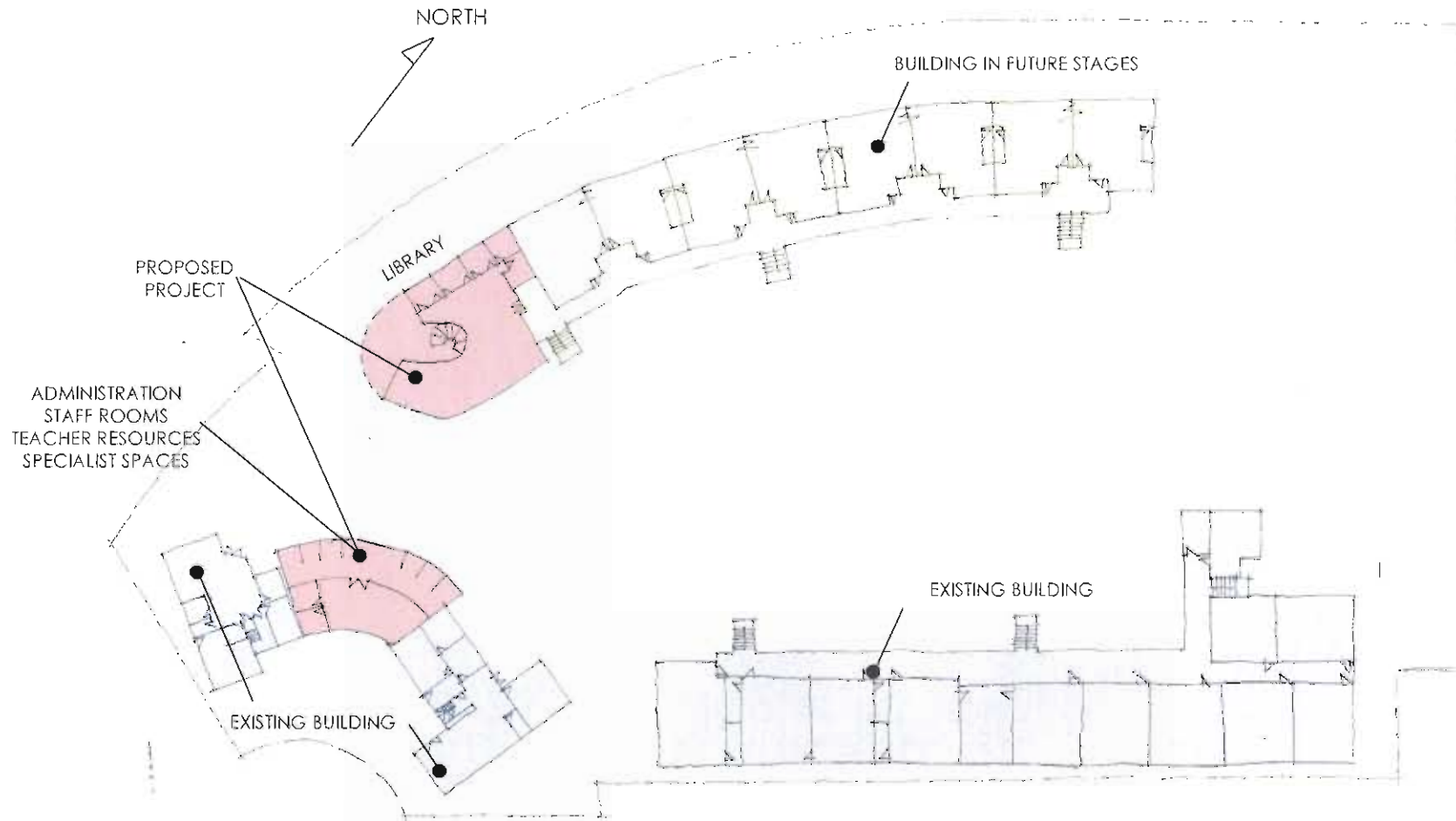
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