



Queensland Children's Hospital Academic and Research Facility

The Queensland Children's Hospital Academic and Research Facility will open alongside the new Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) in South Brisbane in 2014. It represents the largest single investment in children's health research in Queensland's history.

A pioneering facility for Queensland

The QCH Academic and Research Facility is designed to place Queensland at the forefront of children's health research. It will, for the first time, bring dedicated paediatric researchers together under one roof. The goal is to create a critical mass of expertise and specialist knowledge focused on translating research findings into better care for Queensland children and their families. Co-locating the QCH Academic and Research Facility with the QCH also sets a high benchmark for the best practice needed to support a specialist hospital. This concentration of research talent will encourage innovative approaches to treating a wide range of conditions affecting children and young people.



Above: Artist impression of the QCH ARF as viewed from Raymond Terrace.

Our academic partners

The Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland will partner with Children's Health Services in the QCH Academic and Research Facility. These partnerships will build a strong and sustainable program of paediatric research excellence and attract world-class researchers to Queensland. The facility will also bring together researchers from the Royal Children's Hospital, Mater Children's Hospital, and other leading research institutions.

A facility for the future

Five levels of the QCH Academic and Research Facility will be dedicated to research space, including wet and dry laboratories. The remaining levels will house pathology services, retail shops (in foyer), and car parking. There will also be a service tunnel link to the QCH. While the facility will house more than 400 researchers, the design has been future-proofed to allow for expansion. This flexibility to grow will ensure Queensland's children's health research needs are met now and well into the future.

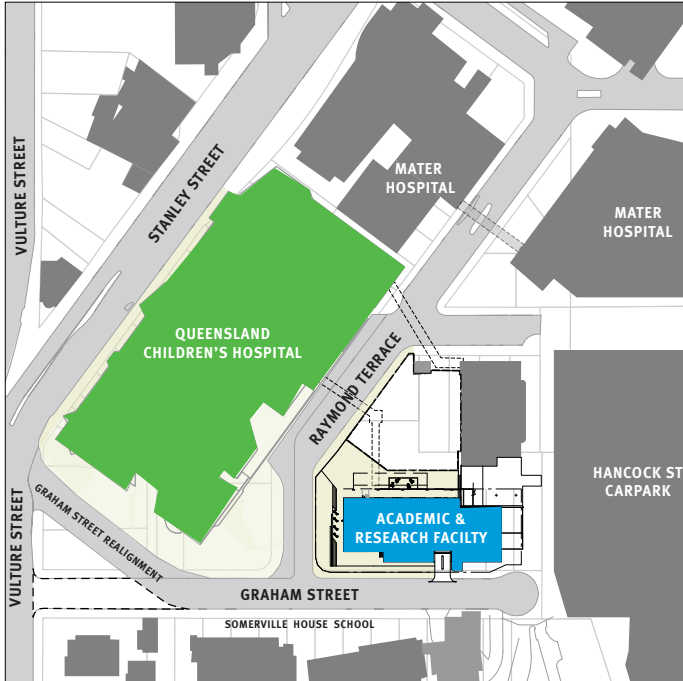
Designing the best facility possible

Planning for the QCH Academic and Research Facility is currently in the final stages of developed design. This phase documents, in detail, the function, layout and appearance of each room including wall colours, floor coverings, fixtures, utility services and the location of specialised equipment. During developed design, the QCH Academic and Research Facility planning team met regularly with planning groups comprising of child health researchers, staff from the Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospitals, and the facility's university partners to ensure the new facility best meets their needs. During the next phase of the project, time will be spent planning for construction of the facility, which will take place from 2012 to 2014.

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Location

The QCH Academic and Research Facility will be located adjacent to the new hospital, on the corner of Raymond Terrace and Graham Street, South Brisbane (see map below). This site is currently occupied by the Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland's accommodation village, which will relocate to new and expanded premises in the Boggo Road Urban Village in early 2012.



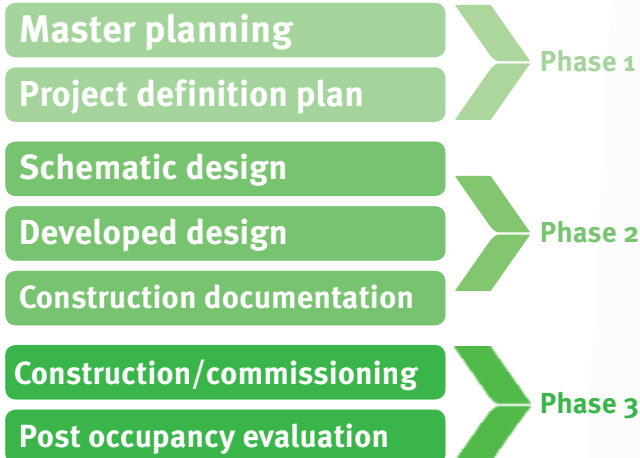
The Queensland Children's Hospital precinct in South Brisbane

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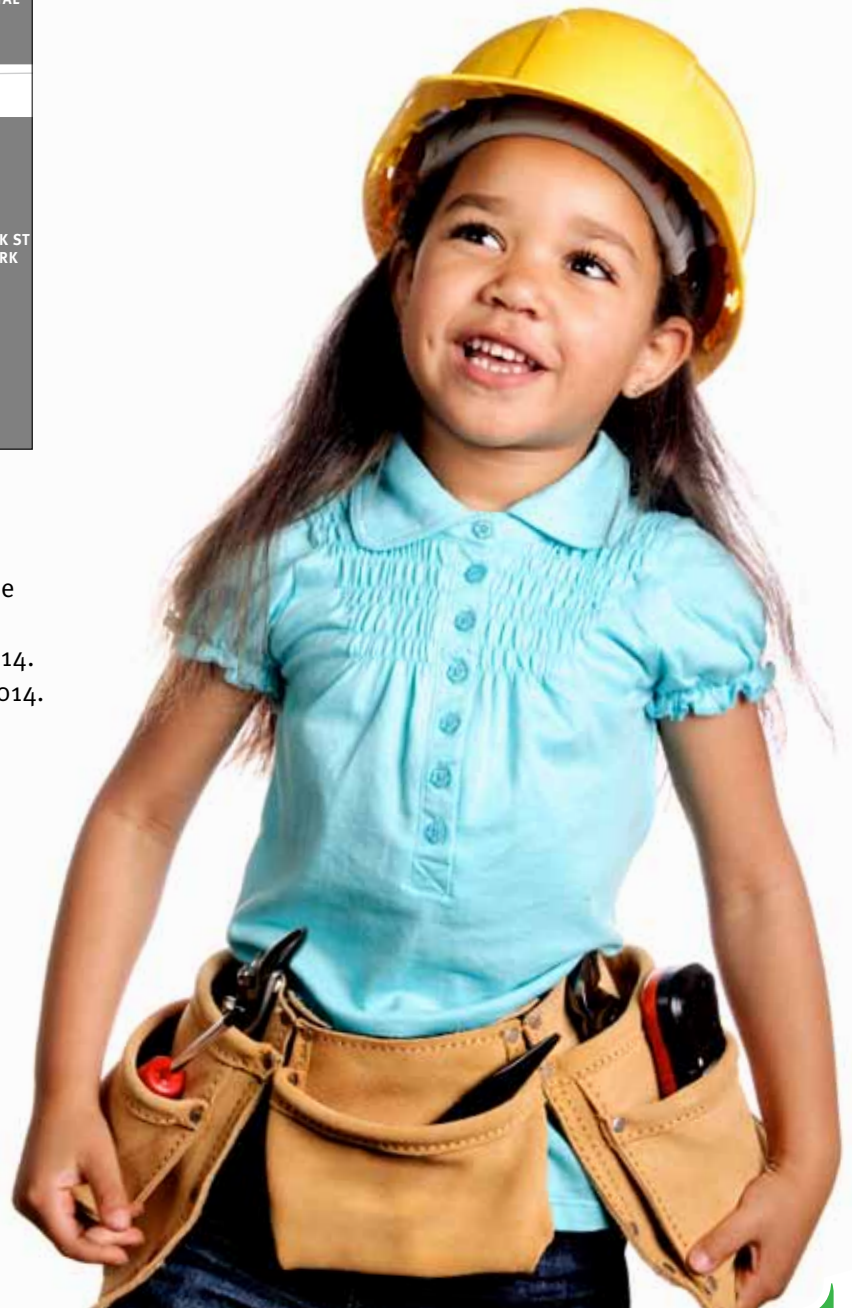
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Timeframe

The majority of 2011 was spent finalising the design of the QCH Academic and Research Facility and planning for its construction, which will take place between 2012 and 2014. The QCH Academic and Research Facility will open late 2014.



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