CIT Woden Campus
Project Update

December 2024 – January 2025

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Artist's impression of CIT Woden Campus and Public Transport Interchange

CIT Woden has laid the groundwork for a **holly, jolly Christmas**

It's been a busy year on the CIT Woden Campus Project with the main building rising out of the ground and reaching its full height.

The first half of 2024 saw the installation of the building's sustainable timber superstructure and its Brindabella ridgelines inspired façade. In July, CIT Woden topped out and the framing, wall closing, and fitout of the many contemporary learning spaces commenced. In November, the brick façade for the Woden Youth Foyer, which will provide at-risk 16 to 24-year-olds with a safe and stable place to live and study, was completed.

With structural works now complete, we say farewell to the site's two electric tower cranes, aptly named Moonlifter and Sir LiftsALot by local primary students. Rounding out a remarkable year was enabling works on the new Woden Public Transport Interchange, including the structural steel for the bus shelters and pouring of the concrete for the platform landings.

Check out the image gallery on the CIT Woden Campus website to see the year in progress. Have a safe and happy holiday.

What's in a name?

Earlier this year we invited the community to help name the three public green areas around the new CIT Woden Campus. With retail frontage, outdoor seating and dining, and sunny break-out locations, these spaces are there for staff, students and the community to gather and enjoy.

Place naming provides an opportunity to create long-lasting meaning and connection between these important public spaces and the Woden community and more than 100 inspiring name suggestions were submitted.

A cross-representative panel was formed to review and short-list the creative entries which ranged from recognising the Connection to Country, and local flora and fauna to honouring past education advocates and trailblazers.

Hard landscaping (pavers, retaining walls) of the public outdoor spaces has started, with the selected names to be announced ahead of the campus's opening in mid-2025.



Artist's impression of public open space to the north of main CIT building

Yurauna, **growing together**

Yurauna, a Wiradjuri word meaning 'to grow', is CIT's dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educational Centre of Excellence, relocating to Bruce campus in semester two, 2025. In December, the CIT Bruce campus hosted a smoking ceremony to mark the commencement of demolition and preparation of construction for the new CIT Yurauna to replace the current facility.

In collaboration with the Ngunnawal community, the design is focused on providing the same smart technologies incorporated into the new CIT Woden Campus in a culturally sensitive building and setting.

In early October the building contract was awarded to BYCC Alliance, a First Nations controlled company, delivering construction excellence and Indigenous social outcomes. Connection with Sky Country is reflected in the new CIT Yurauna design with the shape of its roof evoking the wings of an eagle. This meaningful physical and visual connection is also found in the main CIT building in Woden with the large 'oculus' skylight reflecting a silhouette of a wedge tailed eagle, considered a totem animal for Ngunnawal people.



Artist's impression of CIT Yurauna



Artist's impression of the CIT Woden 'oculus' skylight

CIT Woden Campus: fostering collaboration through design

Makerspace - a hub of innovation, providing students with access to cutting-edge technology and tools to bring their ideas to life.

Collaborative Learning Spaces and Incubator Hubs - dedicated spaces designed to foster collaboration and innovation.

Specialised Learning Environments - tailored to specific disciplines, including hair and beauty salons, training kitchens, restaurant, cafe and bar, creative design, music and media studios and dedicated cyber security labs.

The inclusion of commercial spaces like a café and retail space within the campus further enhances the learning experience as well as providing amenities for both students and the wider community.



Artist's impression of inside the new CIT Woden building



Artist's impression of the multi-purpose hall at the new CIT Woden

CIT Woden, **not just for students**

CIT Woden is designed to be a vibrant and welcoming hub that benefits the entire Canberra community, going beyond traditional learning environments by offering services that benefit both students and the public.

Here are just some of the facilities on offer at the new CIT Woden Campus that not only enhance the learning experience for CIT students but also provide valuable services and amenities to the Woden community.

A hair and beauty salon providing students with real-world experience while offering affordable hair and beauty services to the community.

The CIT café, restaurant, produce shop and bar is a training ground for hospitality and culinary students, serving delicious baked goods, food, and beverages to students, staff, and the public.

The multi-purpose hall and other spaces within the campus can be used for community events, meetings, and activities, providing valuable resources for the local community.

Coffee carts serviced by CIT students will provide convenient options for refreshments and create a lively atmosphere on campus.



The new CIT Woden Campus integrates seamlessly with the surrounding community, offering welcoming public spaces and green areas for all to enjoy.

CIT Pop-Ups: **A Blooming Success**

CIT's pop-up events have been creating quite a buzz around Woden! These interactive experiences have given the community a taste of what's to come at the new campus, and by all accounts, they've been a resounding success.

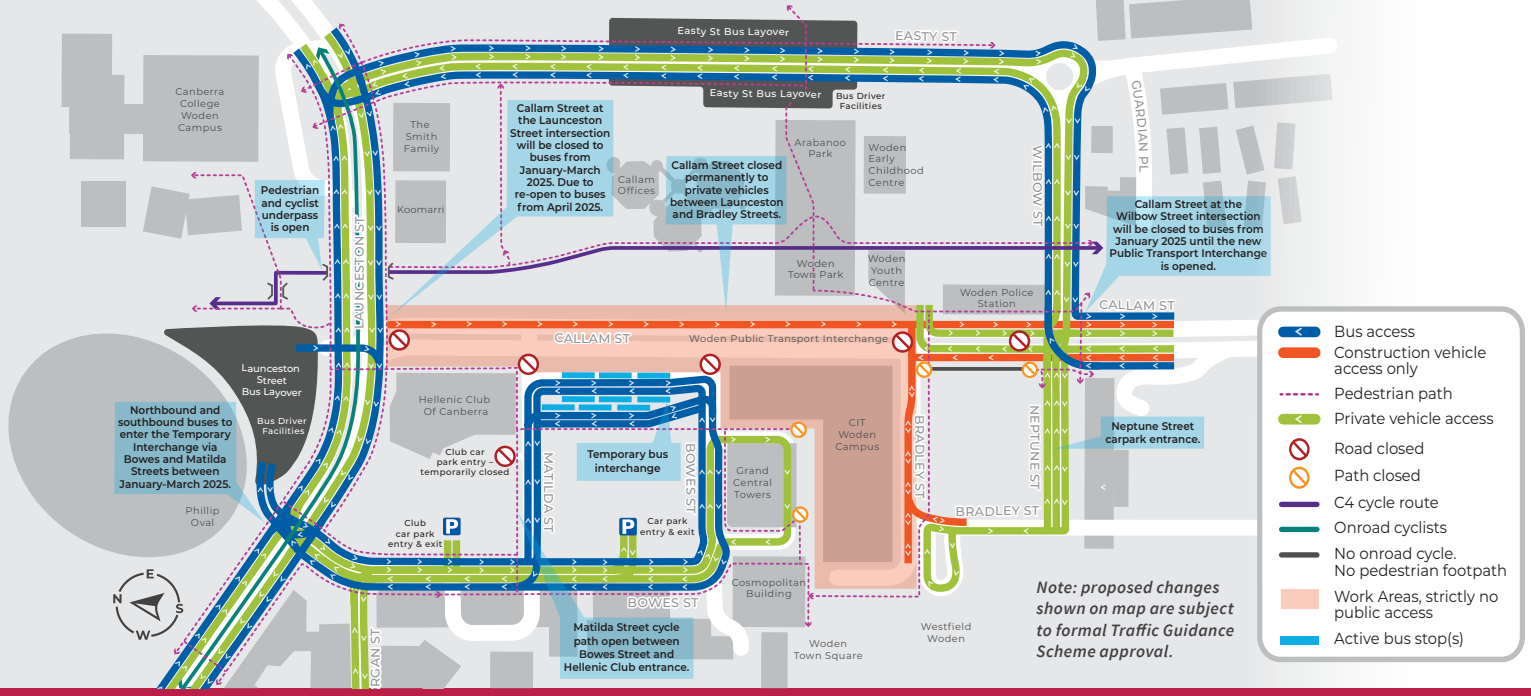
Hair Today, Skills Tomorrow: The pop-up hairdressing and barbering sessions have been a cut above the rest. With over 80 stylish haircuts provided to date, these events have showcased the talent of CIT students while offering the community a fresh look at affordable prices.

The floristry pop-ups have truly blossomed! The September event saw students selling out of their beautiful arrangements, proving that Canberra has a strong appetite for floral artistry. The plans to quadruple stock in October was a success with another sell out, it's clear that these talented students are meeting a real need in the community.

These pop-ups are a fantastic opportunity to experience the creativity and skill of CIT students while learning more about the exciting programs offered at the new Woden campus.



For more information on upcoming CIT pop-ups, floral orders and haircut bookings, visit: cit.edu.au/citevents



Traffic changes around the **Woden Temporary Interchange**

Construction on the new Woden Public Transport Interchange is progressing at pace. To enable further works, bus, car and pedestrian circulation will be adjusted to provide safe pathways around site activity.

In the new year there will be progressive closures of Callam Street at both the northern and southern ends of the construction site. Buses will be temporarily re-directed along Bowes and Matilda Streets from early 2025 to facilitate these enabling works.

Keep an eye out for signage to find the most direct route to your destination.

Details around changes will also be published at act.gov.au/citcampuswoden.

Just **starting out** or looking to **upskill?**

Explore the wide range of courses and training options at CIT for semester one 2025, including fee-free qualifications and short courses.

Speak directly with CIT teachers and support staff to get tailored advice and answers to your questions about courses, enrolment, and career pathways.

CIT Twilight Enrolment Session

Thursday 30 January 2025

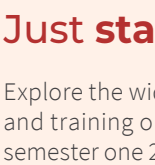
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

CIT Bruce Hall, Building H

Enrol and find out more at cit.edu.au/twilight

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The main CIT Woden Campus construction site will be closed from 5 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024 and will re-open on Monday, 6 January 2025. There may be some minor works during this time.

During the site shutdown period, regular surveillance will be carried out. For site enquiries and feedback, please contact citwoden@lendlease.com.

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