

1.0 Introduction

Peel Health Campus Foundation was established in 2005 to support the promotion of health in the Peel region. The foundation was launched on June 24th, by our Patron - Clinical Professor Fiona Wood (Australian of the Year 2005). Our first major goal is to build a paediatric ward at Peel Health Campus to provide a facility that is designed specifically for children. The Peel Health Campus Foundation has partnered with many stakeholders in the Peel region to raise 2.1 million dollars (June 2007) toward a target of 3 million dollars for this vital health need in our community.

NOTE: The images included in this report are only an indication of how the Paediatric Ward may appear.

2.0 Location

The proposed location of the new Paediatrics ward is to the eastern side of the campus, adjoined to the corridor adjacent to courtyard 9. A line of site services runs parallel to the east of the existing building. The diversion of these services around the new building envelope would cost in the order of \$180,000. A gap of approximately 8 metres between the existing building and the new addition will eliminate any diversions required to these services and reduce the cost to approximately \$12,000, plus \$5,000 to modify the existing landscape irrigation system. A corridor will link the addition to the existing campus building.



Interior Perspective

3.0 Design

The ward is designed with the patient rooms to the east and service rooms to the west. This creates a separation of areas accessed just by staff and those accessed by staff, patients and visitors. Parents and visitors will predominately access the east side of the building only.

3.1 Staff Station

The Staff Station is located at the centre of the ward to ensure that all rooms are visible from the station. Windows are positioned on the corridor wall of each room to ensure visibility of the patients.

The Staff station is a secured area, closed off from the ward by a 1200mm screen. A mobile equipment bay is located within the staff station so that trolleys can be stored in a secure place, away from patient access.

The drug store is accessed from within the secured staff station providing extra security to the drugs.

The handover/staff room is also accessed from within the secured staff station for the convenience of staff.

3.2 Managers Office

The office is located adjacent to the ward entry so that the manager has constant vision on who is entering and exiting the ward.

The office is in close proximity to the staff station. Interior windows establish a visual connection between the office and the staff station.

An alcove space is located adjacent to the manager's office. This space will be used as a waiting area, and also a place where parent and visitors can reside if the parent's room is occupied.

3.3 Patient Rooms

Interior windows along the corridor walls of each room allow visibility into each room from the staff station.

The ward is designed to enable the clearest visibility to the 1-bed rooms, which are of highest priority.

The design of the 4-bed room is long and narrow rather than square in shape so that the beds can lie in a straight line parallel to the staff station, again to maximise patient visibility.

