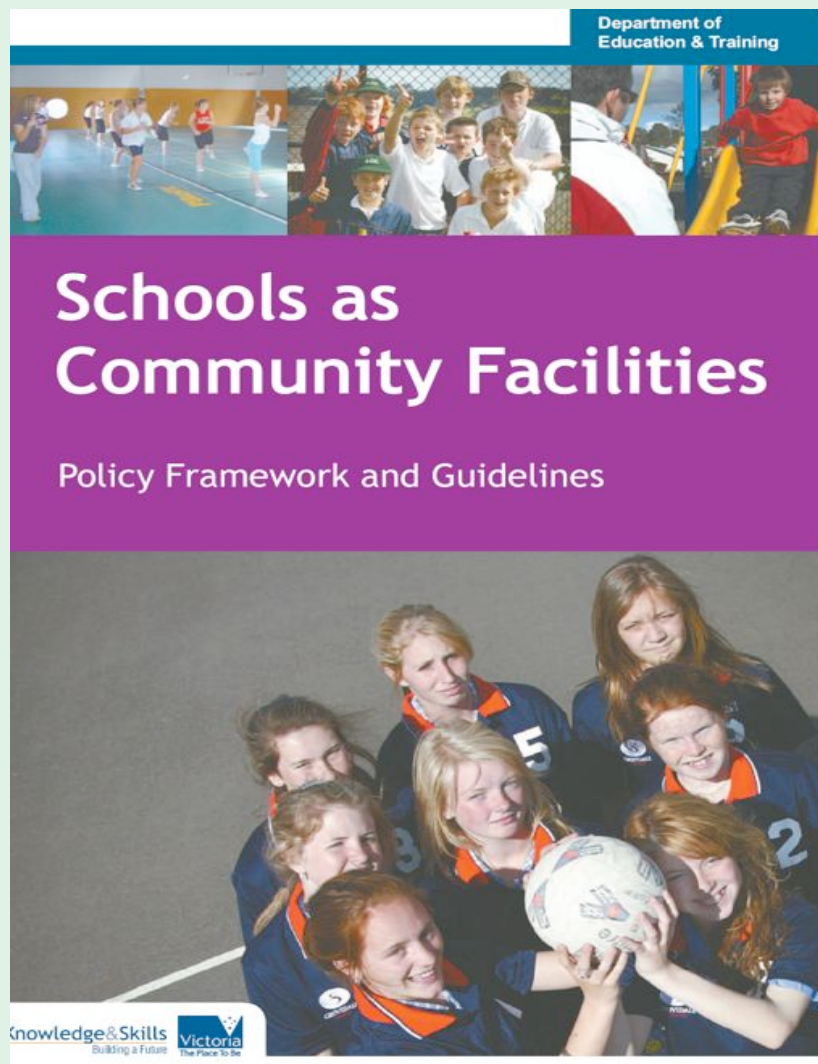


Schools as Community Facilities

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Guidelines
available from
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www.education.vic.gov.au/management/infrastructure/shareduse.htm

The Opportunities

- Using schools for meeting spaces
- Recreation and Sporting Activities
- Before and after school facilities
- Sharing technology
- Libraries and other resources
- The arts
- Co-locating facilities eg: Pre-schools



The partnerships can include

- Local councils
- Community organisations
- Sport and recreational providers
- Other education and training providers
- Not for profit organisations
- Art and cultural development providers



Benefits of partnerships

- New and creative work environments
- Access to more diverse information or experts
- Better access for communities
- Stronger social networks
- Improved availability of sport, arts and other facilities
- Greater community involvement in activities and learning



Features of Successful Partnerships

- Strengthen co-operative relationships and social networks
- Meet identified needs in the community
- Offer benefits to school and the community
- Make the most of available resources

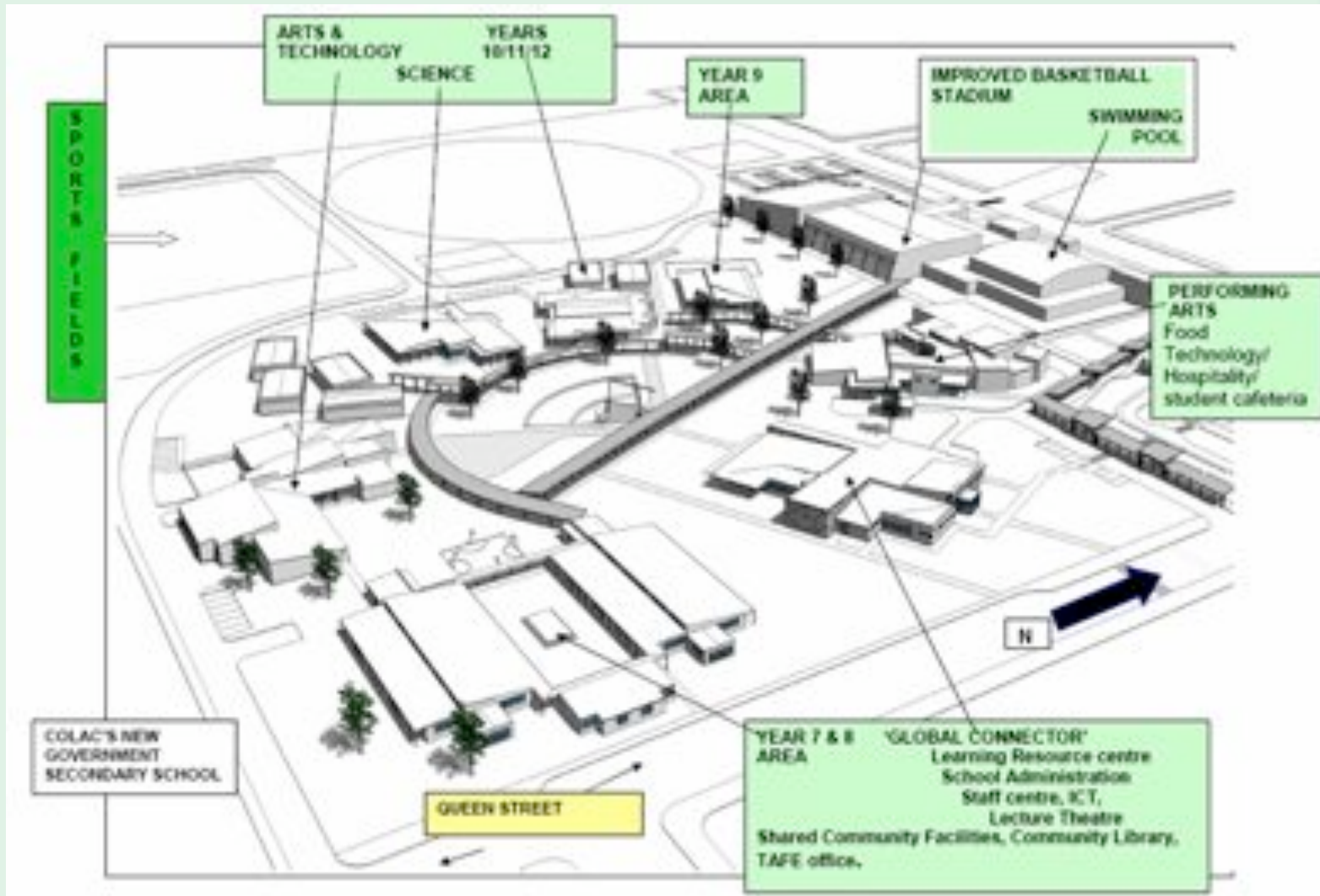


Colac Secondary College

- Support for an educational, recreational and community precinct referred to as the Beechy Centre
- The proposed Joint Use Library to be known as the Global Connector
- Development of new facilities will encourage stronger relationships with Post Compulsory Education Providers (TAFE)
- Working with Colac Otway Shire to offer the community broad range of opportunities



The NEW Colac Secondary College



What will be needed to make this happen?

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Development and Joint Use agreements
- Management Structures
- Licence agreements
- Hire Agreements

And Ideas, Passion and Commitment

