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## College home to first-class sporting facilities

The final stage of the Beaumaris Secondary College development is coming to an end, with a multipurpose pitch set to be available for use by students and the sporting community.

In partnership with the State Government, Melbourne Cricket Club funded construction and ongoing maintenance of two competition-grade ovals, a pavilion and the multipurpose pitch as part of the redevelopment of the school.

It opened for students early this year.

The multipurpose pitch is expected to be available for use by Christmas. It will be shared by a number of sporting groups outside of school hours, including Beaumaris Soccer Club and the MCC's lacrosse teams.

MCC CEO Stuart Fox said the opening of the multipurpose pitch marked the completion of a significant project in the club's

long history of promoting community sport.

"These magnificent sporting facilities at Beaumaris Secondary College will serve MCC sporting teams, school students and the local community for many years to come," Mr Fox said. "There has been an enormous amount of collaboration, planning and hard work from a number of organisations to bring this concept to life."

Fox said that the club was excited to provide such high-quality facilities for its sporting teams and local clubs to use.

"Our men's and women's cricket teams are playing on the two ovals from this summer," he said. "The MCC lacrosse teams will have access to the multipurpose pitch for its matches and the ovals are also home to our MCC women's football team, who made a promising debut in the VAFA

competition last winter."

The north oval is 160m long and 140m wide, which is similar in size to the MCG.

Meanwhile, the south oval is 140m x 115m.

Beaumaris Soccer Club has welcomed the arrival of the multipurpose pitch, which measures 109m long and 73m wide.

It's set to play its first match on the new surface early in the new year.