



SITE LOCATION

INTRODUCTION

This report discusses the landscape design philosophy for the proposed development within Precinct 4, 100 Eton Road, Lindfield. These proposals incorporate all external spaces within the Precinct 4 development boundary and have been prepared in accordance with the Edgelea Urban Design Guidelines.

CONTEXT

This project lies to the north east of the existing University of Technology Sydney Kuring Gai Campus and at present provides student and overflow parking for the University.

The site will be bordered to the north by new development but the existing Scribbly Gum closed bushland to the east and south of the development boundary will be retained and left undisturbed.

The topography within the development site broadly falls from the north-west to the south-east. The existing parking is located on an upper and lower plateau running north-south parallel to the slope. The upper plateau is cut into the slope at an existing sandstone cutting and retained by a sandstone blockwork retaining wall. This retaining wall forms the edge to the lower parking area with the existing bushland vegetation beginning immediately east of the lower plateau. This bushland is largely undisturbed due to access difficulties and the steep slopes. Pedestrian links to the broader campus is via a path alongside the entry road and by a set of existing steps up the slope to the south of the parking areas.

APPROACH

The dramatic setting for the proposed development within dense vegetation, sandstone edges and tall trees will lend the site a strong character and the landscape proposals seek to integrate the new buildings within this character.

The sense of high quality built and open space interventions inset within the steeply sloping natural bushland will be reinforced by the following:

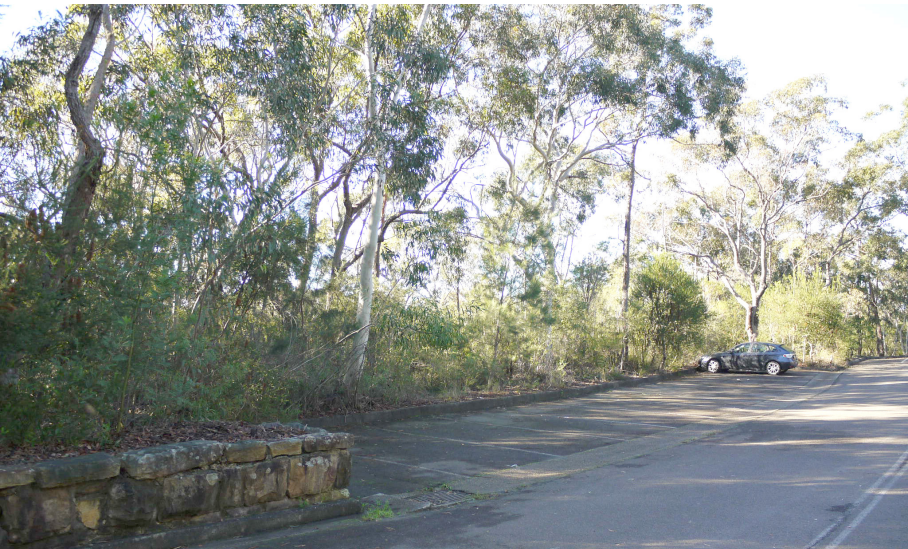
- Strategic tree planting to frame views, continue the sense of the existing bushland canopy into new communal areas and to accentuate entry points.
- Plant species chosen to reflect the adjacent vegetation communities and those elsewhere in the campus.
- Terraced open spaces and raised planters to ensure planting accompanies visitors as they move between the varying vertical stratas of the development.
- Clear distinction between the existing bushland and the proposed new communal and open spaces, retaining existing edges where possible.
- A low key 'National Park' feel to the new visitor parking areas below the buildings.



EXISTING LOWER PLATEAU OF PARKING WITH SANDSTONE RETAINING WALL, LOOKING NORTH



EXISTING UPPER PLATEAU OF PARKING WITH ROCK CUTTING, LOOKING NORTH



EXISTING INTERFACE WITH BUSHLAND AT LOWER PLATEAU WITH LOW RETAINING WALL, LOOKING SOUTH-EAST