



Introducing Canterbury's new maternity centre

The opening of Cressy Wing provides Canterbury women and their whānau/family with a new community birthing and postnatal centre.

The new St George's Maternity Centre features three purpose-built birthing rooms (two with birthing pools), and is significantly bigger than the maternity ward it will replace.

St George's Maternity Centre has a contract with the Canterbury DHB. This means any woman in Canterbury who meets the criteria to birth at a community facility and is eligible to receive maternity services in New Zealand can have their baby at St George's free of charge. Women can also transfer to St George's from another facility for postnatal care (depending on room availability), which is also provided at no cost under the CDHB contract.

For more than 10 years St George's Maternity has provided free antenatal breastfeeding classes for all Christchurch women (regardless of whether they plan to give birth at George's).

Thank you

St George's Hospital thanks its contractors and suppliers for their dedication to the redevelopment.

"There were big demands on our contractors to ensure the Hospital remained functional throughout the redevelopment – which is no small feat," says Chief Executive Officer Greg Brooks.

"Our thanks also go to our staff, patients, clinicians and the community. Like any major building project there was disruption at times, and your patience was appreciated. Thank you for continuing to support St George's Hospital."

End of an eight-year redevelopment brings world-class hospital facilities to Cantabrians



A large new maternity centre, digital operating theatres using the same 4K technology as Hollywood blockbuster movies, and clever Kiwi engineering are all part of the new Cressy Wing at St George's Hospital.

The new Cressy Wing, scheduled to open later this month, is a significant milestone for St George's. It marks the end of a \$130 million redevelopment project, which has transformed St George's into one of the most well-equipped private hospitals in Australasia.

The Cressy Wing is one of four new buildings at St George's that have been constructed since 2012, replacing those damaged in the Canterbury earthquakes. The four buildings are:

- A purpose-built radiation treatment facility at St George's Cancer Care Centre (completed in 2016)
- A four-storey atrium, reception, day surgery admission, theatre tearoom, staff lunchroom and chapel (completed in 2016)

- A four-storey Randolph Wing, housing radiology, operating theatres, instrument sterilising services, intensive care and high dependency units (completed in 2017)
- A four-storey Cressy Wing, housing a new 12-bed maternity and birthing centre, state-of-the-art operating theatres, laundry and medical supply store (opening November 2020)

St George's Hospital Chief Executive Officer Greg Brooks says the completion of Cressy Wing ends the eight-year project.

"All patients at St George's will benefit from our investment in the latest healthcare innovations and state-of-the-art equipment," says Greg.



High-tech equipment

All of St George's operating theatres – including those in the new Cressy Wing – are now equipped with world-leading 4K technology, which has been referred to internationally as the 'era of big screen surgery'. The 4K imaging system provides surgeons with unparalleled vision inside the human body via large screens in

the operating theatre. The same technology has been used to make Hollywood blockbuster movies.

St George's Hospital was also one of the first in New Zealand to install an all-digital surgical video system, using similar technology to Disney Pixar animators.

A special invitation to tour St George's Hospital – this weekend!

Have you ever been curious to see inside a state-of-the-art operating theatre when you are not a patient? What about a look inside Canterbury's new maternity and birthing centre? Come and experience this, and more, at our **community open day this Saturday**.

We are inviting you to join us for a behind the scenes tour of our new Cressy Wing, before it opens.

Date: Saturday 21 November 2020

Time: 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm (the last tour departs at 3.00 pm)

Location: St George's Hospital reception (Heaton Street entrance). You are welcome to park in the car park building onsite.

St George's redevelopment in numbers

- Large operating theatres nearly **twice the size** of the hospital's old day surgery theatres and built to accommodate new technology, equipment and innovation
- 6 bed Intensive Care Unit including emergency operation equipment
- 8 new state-of-the-art operating theatres
- 3 purpose-built spinal injury rooms designed with input from tetraplegia patients
- A new Maternity Centre with 3 large, purpose-built birthing rooms

Clever engineering

Safety has been a core component of the redevelopment. The new buildings exceed the structural building code, and feature an innovative ground improvement and base isolation system to reduce damage and protect the buildings during an earthquake.

Other high-profile New Zealand buildings that have installed base isolators include Te Papa, Parliament Buildings and Wellington Central Police Station.



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