



What is the Westmead precinct?

- The Westmead health, education and research precinct is one of the largest health precincts in Australia, providing health services to almost 10% of the population.
- Partners include Western Sydney Local Health District, The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Westmead Private Hospital, Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Children's Medical Research Institute, the University of Sydney and Western Sydney University.
- Westmead produces more than \$1.9 billion of economic output – the equivalent of 1.6% of western Sydney's economy.
- Westmead currently provides more than 18,000 specialised high-value jobs. Westmead employment is expected to grow to 30,000 jobs by 2036.
- Westmead is home to 1100 research scientists and staff.
- There are 3400 students at Westmead, including 200 PhD students.

Partnership between Westmead precinct & Sydney Science Park

- Establishes organisational, professional and research links between two significant generators of knowledge-based employment in western Sydney.
- Contributes towards making western Sydney a seamlessly connected eco-system for world-leading research and innovation.
- Provides a portal for businesses and organisations at Sydney Science Park to leverage the knowledge, expertise and data at Westmead.
- Provides an opportunity for research at the Sydney Science Park by users of Westmead.
- Establishes a physical space at each respective precinct that will co-ordinate partnership activities link users to a collaborator at the corresponding precinct.
- Enhances the prospects for scientific discovery, innovation and commercialisation.
- Creates opportunities for students for improved education and professional advancement.

What happens next?

- A committee will be established to directly identify joint projects and initiatives.
- An office hub will be established at the respective locations, connecting users to appropriate opportunities at the other location.
- A laboratory sharing agreement will be established, enabling lab facilities to be shared.
- Linking Westmead users into the technology platform being created at Sydney Science Park to connect innovators to each other on relevant projects.
- Data sharing agreement established - businesses at Sydney Science Park can access data from Westmead researchers to assist their product development, and researchers can use business Sydney Science Park data to refine their research
- Setting up systems between both organisations to allow the partners to seamlessly connect to apply for AIRC and other industry/government grants.
- Establish joint sponsorship and advocacy programs for important issues around innovation, science and research in western Sydney
- Establish guest speaker programs, enabling researchers at Westmead to provide information to Sydney Science Park players on the latest research and Sydney Science Park users to brief Westmead researchers on business/innovator concerns.
- A direct link for Westmead users into the VC network being established at SSP.