

KENSINGTON STREET STUDENT HOUSING



Kensington Street defines the city-side edge of Central Park. Lined with heritage warehouses and terraces, Kensington Street presents a unique opportunity to transform an abandoned corner of urban Sydney into an active city laneway, lined with bars, cafes, boutique retail and creative businesses.

The concept for Kensington Street has been designed by Tonkin Zulaikha Greer as an atmospheric and eclectic laneway combining heritage and new-built retail food & beverage and commercial spaces, student housing and the adaptive re-use of the old Administration Building as a boutique hotel. Pedestrian links will connect Kensington Street with Chippendale Green.

Even before construction on the project started, Frasers Property created artists' studios and an event space to activate Kensington Street. FraserStudios opened in September 2008, transforming three warehouses into visual and performing arts studios – providing free studio space and free or subsidised rehearsal and performance space to Sydney's arts community, until June 2012.

The new Kensington Street precinct is on track to be delivered in stages from late 2014.

STUDENT HOUSING AND RETAIL (BLOCKS 3B, 3C & 10)

This project comprises:

- Two new buildings (3B and 3C), 7 and 5 storeys high
- Building 10 (5 storeys) will retain its existing 20th century brick façade

These buildings will house around 237 purpose-built student apartments, to be managed by a specialist onsite student accommodation operator. Retail shopfronts will be created at the ground level of all three buildings.

Timing:

- The Project Application for Blocks 3B, 3C and 10 was approved by The NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure in November 2012.
- Construction is expected to start in the second half of 2013, completing in late 2014.

