

Arroyo pacific academy

Expansion of facilities for student benefit

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Mr.Philip Clarke announced today the purchase of a beautiful Altadena campus to expand the facilities for students of Arroyo Pacific Academy. The new campus in a serene and natural valley on E. Palm St in Altadena will provide buildings suitable for development of the arts, environmental and physical sciences , technology and design as well as the essential academic subjects of a college prep school. The new facilities will complement the existing campus in Arcadia which will continue to be the Administrative center and the locus of Advanced Placement and other honors classes as well as tutoring service for younger students. Clarke emphasizes that the new campus will not be a separate school but an extension of the existing school for focused activities and learning. The ongoing commitment of APA to small class sizes (average 10:1) means that the total number of students present will not be greater than 240 on this site and may be lower as dialogue brings a consensus.

The use of the property is subject to the successful attainment of a Conditional Use Permit from the County of Los Angeles. There will be intensive and ongoing communications with planning authorities and with the immediate neighbors who are anxious and determined to preserve the peaceful and calm environment of the area. Sports and recreation facilities will be located elsewhere to minimize noise factors in the neighborhood. Traffic and transportation concerns will be vigorously addressed .

The new campus will not be available for any school use until the conclusion of the CUP and the intervening time will be used to bring the park-like property into its naturally pristine condition with an emphasis on protecting the beautiful trees and shrubs that adorn the property. The eight individual buildings on the property will be cleaned and painted to be ready for occupancy when permits have been approved. No construction needs have been identified. Equipment and furnishing plans for educational use will be finalized and actualized upon approval.

The faculty , parents and students of Arroyo Pacific Academy welcome this expansion and hope to be a valuable addition to the Altadena community.

For more information on Arroyo Pacific Academy and its programs/admission see

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