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# Centre set to get Genesis moving

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GENESIS Christian College is opening a fitness centre for its school community.

Construction on the centre, for students, parents, staff and alumni to use, at the Youngs Crossing Rd school started in February, and it will open on Monday.

Fitness centre co-ordinator Logan Maguire said the goal of the centre was to get children moving "like they did 20 years ago".

"The fitness centre was built to improve the athleti-

cism of the school community," Mr Maguire said.

"We want to get children moving the way kids moved 20 years ago.

"These are things kids aren't doing anymore because of technology."

The \$750,000 building was self-funded by the college.

"We want to incorporate everything from mobility, like getting someone to reach their toes, to general fitness and strength as well," Mr Maguire said.

"In my opinion, movement classes or getting kids

to move is just as important as learning to swim.

"We know that learning to swim has a positive impact on a child's development through school, the same as general movement. It aids in all parts of schooling not just physical activity levels."

Genesis Christian College principal Brian Barker said it was a substantial investment in the students.

"The major focus was to supplement our growing sports program right from Prep to Year 12," Mr Barker said.