



New primary school for the Alex Avenue community

Project update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Project overview

A project is underway to deliver a new primary school on Farmland Drive, Schofields to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 19 new flexible learning spaces
- A library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- Administration and staff facilities.

The new school is designed to accommodate up to 500 students from K-6 and to allow for future expansion of up to 1000 students.

Progress summary

Modern construction techniques were used in the build, including constructing school buildings offsite. This reduces the impact to local residents and saves time when compared to traditional builds. The school is scheduled for completion in early 2021. Enrolments are now being accepted for Day 1, Term 1, 2021.

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for this project is being fast tracked by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. Once the SSD is approved, main works construction of the school can begin.

Message from the Principal

As the foundation Principal, I am excited by the design of the school and spaces that were developed to facilitate flexible learning. The collaborative planning process for the school has led to strong links to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people referenced throughout the design.

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone to this new and innovative teaching and learning environment. The school has modern spaces designed to support our students become successful learners. I am confident that the facilities will help students develop the knowledge and skills to become active and informed citizens of the 21st Century.

Tracy Anderson

Keeping you updated

We will keep you updated and provide more information about the construction timetable in the coming weeks. You can contact us using the information below.

For more information contact

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Frequently asked questions

When will main works construction begin?

Main works construction will begin as soon as planning approval is received from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Will street parking be impacted during construction?

The impact of our projects on the local community is considered throughout the planning phase. Street parking impacts will be minimised where possible and contractors are encouraged to park on site or car pool.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

The contractor will continue to implement dust and noise control measures. Dust and noise are minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

Will utility services be interrupted as part of construction?

SINSW co-ordinates upgrades or new supplies with local providers to minimise disruption. In the event that there will be any disruption to the local area, we will notify businesses and residents well in advance.

What will the construction hours be?

SINSW works with local councils and stakeholders to minimise the impact of construction works on the local community. This means that we comply with the local council's standard working hours. Adherence to these guidelines is often a condition of development approval for our projects.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

When will construction be complete?

The school is forecast to be completed in early 2021.

When will enrolments be accepted?

The school is now accepting enrolments for Day 1, Term 1, 2021. Enrolment packages are available for collection from Hambledon, Riverbank and Schofields Public Schools. Alternatively, you can download an application to enrol in a NSW Government school here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>

Complete and mail the form to Riverbank Public School:

Attention: Tracy Anderson
C- Riverbank Public School
25 Wentworth Avenue
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Enrolments will be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Department of Education guidelines. A student is able to enrol at the new primary school if their permanent and principal residence is located within the school catchment area.

To check your catchment area, go to <https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>.

For enrolment enquiries, please contact the Principal, Tracey Anderson at tracey.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au

Will there be any changes to surrounding school enrolment boundaries?

If changes to school catchment boundaries / enrolment areas are needed, the Department of Education would work closely with school staff and communities to inform them and help them plan for any boundary realignments.

How will parents be involved in the upgrade project?

The NSW Department of Education is committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. There will be many opportunities for parents to view plans for the school project and provide feedback as the project progresses.