



Image view from Parramatta Public School rooftop, Arthur Phillip High School in background

## Arthur Phillip High School and Parramatta Public School Redevelopment

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.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

### Arthur Phillip High School and Parramatta Public School redevelopment

The Department is delighted to deliver this project for students, families and the broader community.

Arthur Phillip High School has innovative learning spaces with adaptable / moveable furniture and room configurations, specialist STEAM teaching facilities, a large amphitheatre, two new outdoor sports courts and a double-size multi-sport gymnasium with associated landscaped areas.

Parramatta Public School has 40 permanent, innovative learning spaces and support areas, modern indoor and outdoor landscaped areas including a rooftop learning area.

### Progress summary

The final stage of works is underway at the former Arthur Phillip High School to convert the site into open space and outdoor play area for both Parramatta Public School and Arthur Phillip High School students. We will also be doing work on the refurbishment of the Old School House. The final stage of the project is expected to be completed in late 2020. During the April school holidays, works included:

- establishing a site compound
- site investigations and internal stripout
- removal of materials in preparation for structural demolition works
- erecting scaffolding and temporary pedestrian (B-class) hoardings along Macquarie and Smith Streets.

Upcoming works at the former high school includes the structural demolition of the non-heritage buildings and the removal of materials and rubble from the site. This phase of work is expected to be completed by the end of June in advance of landscaping and public domain works.

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Artist impression of Arthur Phillip High School and Parramatta Public School redevelopment

## Frequently asked questions

### What does the removal of materials and demolition entail?

As per previously issued notices, site investigations have indicated that bonded asbestos and other materials exist in the buildings, and removal of that material is required. Bonded asbestos is attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled or powdered by light pressure thereby minimising the risk to health.

Workers will be wearing appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) on the site at all times during the demolition works. All asbestos-containing material will be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor. This work is expected to be completed by late June 2020 (weather permitting).

### What safety measures will be in place?

The safety and well-being of students, staff and the community is our top priority. Safety measures have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff, neighbours or the local community.

All work will be conducted in accordance with Safe Work NSW requirements, the Project Remediation Action Plan, the Department's Asbestos Management Plan and the Construction Management Plan which is in place as part of the SSD consent conditions. School Infrastructure NSW and the contractor are operating within strict accordance of the NSW Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020. Guided by the most up to date NSW Public Health Order, the contractor has and continues to maintain a COVID-19 Action Plan which also applies to all sub-contractors on-site.

Additional measures include:

- site fencing
- erection of scaffold and hoardings on Macquarie and Smith Streets
- air monitors
- dust suppression
- selecting and using machinery to limit noise and vibration
- vibration and noise monitors in place

- workers wearing appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) on the site at all times during the demolition works
- all asbestos-containing material will be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

In accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations, a clearance certificate will be given by an independent hygienist after the work has been completed.

### What are the construction working hours?

Construction work will continue in line with hours approved under the State Significant Development (SSD) consent between 7:00am and 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays and between 7:30am and 3:30pm Saturdays. No works will take place on Sundays or Public Holidays, unless separately approved and consequently communicated.

### How will traffic be managed?

We continue work with our construction contractors to implement strategies to minimise disruption to the schools and local neighbours. While these works are underway traffic management and temporary pedestrian diversions will be in place.

The Department is working with Parramatta Light Rail so that the environment is safe for students, parents, carers and school staff coming to and from the schools during the construction of the light rail. For more information, visit: [www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au)

### How will you keep us informed?

To account for social distancing measures we are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed about this project. We will continue to provide updates via school communication channels, website updates on the project pages and issue works notifications via letterbox to local neighbours. Our information hotline and email address will continue to operate as normal.

Previous project updates and works notifications are available on the School Infrastructure NSW project pages for ease of reference.