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Project update

November 2020

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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.

Ashtonfield Public School

A project to upgrade Ashtonfield Public school is underway. This project will deliver:

- a new permanent two storey building to provide innovative and flexible learning spaces for 12 classes
- a new building including toilet amenities will allow temporary demountable buildings to be removed
- an upgrade to the staff and administration area
- an upgrade to the canteen with works on the covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- an upgrade to the hall and library
- increase in staff parking with 14 additional spaces
- landscaping and walkways.

Progress summary

Work is progressing well on the upgrade with site establishment and construction of the vehicle access road completed.

Construction on the new building has now started.

Next steps

- The new building works at the rear of the site will progress with excavation, concrete pours for building foundations and in ground services taking place over the next month.
- Start work on the canteen extension and COLA late November 2020.
- Start preparation works for the hydrant booster pump.
- Refurbishment work to the administration building will take place during the summer school holidays and continue into Term 1.
- The existing staff car park area work will start during the summer school holidays.

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Changes to canteen operations

With works on the canteen and COLA starting from Monday 23 November 2020. We wish to advise all parents and carers that the last day of canteen operations is Friday 20 November 2020. The canteen will return when works are completed.

The school would like to acknowledge the hard work of the P&C and canteen staff for providing our students with lunches during these unprecedented times throughout 2020.

We appreciate your patience while we carry out this important work as part of the school upgrade. We will continue to provide progress information and will notify you prior to the canteen reopening.

Changes to Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC)

With works starting on the canteen and COLA starting from Monday 23 November, the OOSHC will operate out of the hall, and will have access to the kitchen facilities in the library until the end of

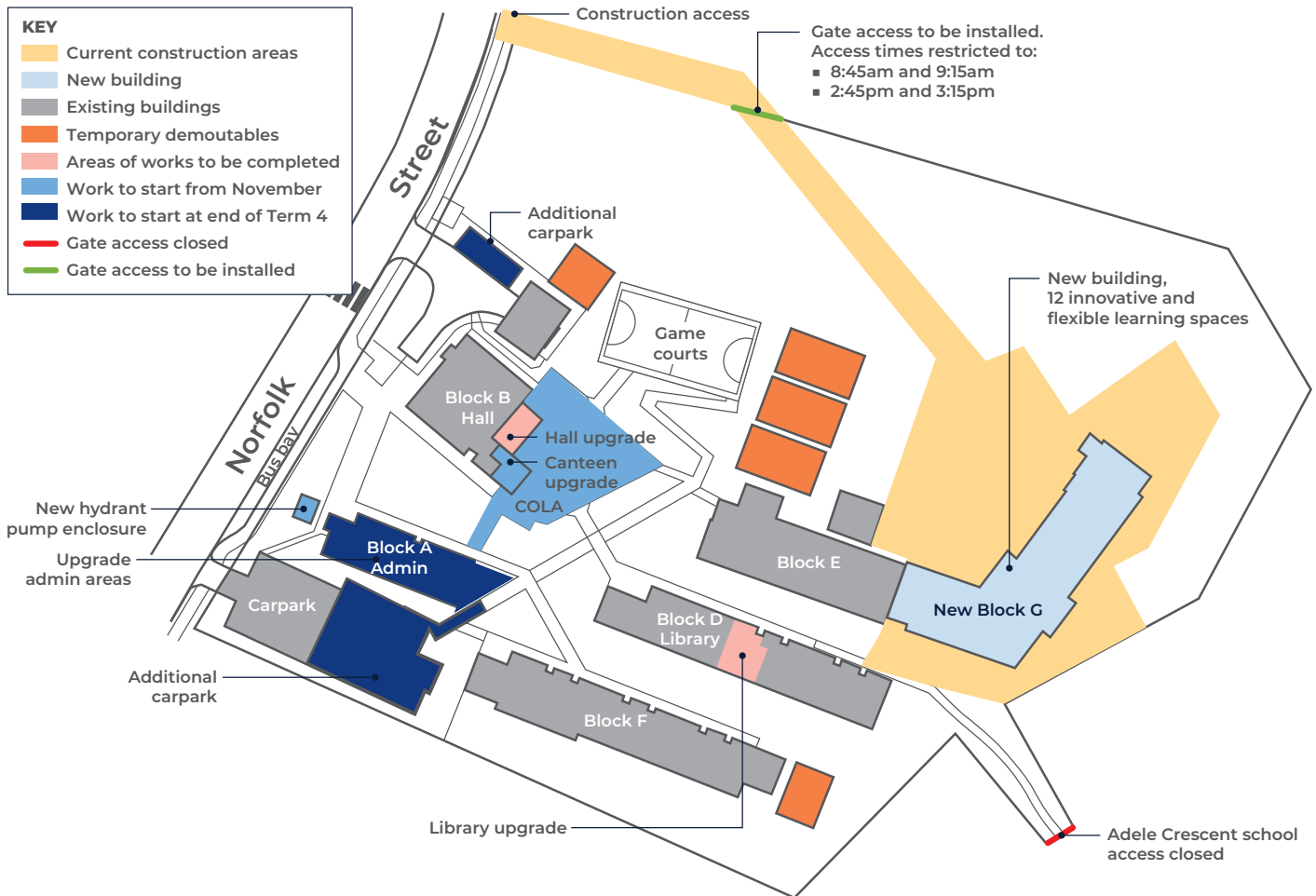
the school year. When OOSHC returns in 2021 it will operate out of the library until work in the hall and COLA is complete.

As a result of the upgrade works and for the safety of students and staff, the OOSHC will not provide vacation care services during the summer holiday period. The last day of care in 2020 will be Wednesday 16 December 2020 and will resume again on Friday 29 January 2021.

For those who wish to have children cared for over the January 2021 summer period alternative locations are as follows:

- Thornton Vacation Care
- Metford Vacation Care
- Rutherford Vacation Care

For more information on alternative care for this summer holiday period please contact the OOSHC provider, Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Ltd on (02) 4939 1840.



Will the upgrade be staged?

Yes the upgrade to Ashtonfield Public School will be staged to ensure the school remains operational during construction and to minimise disruption to learning.

What are the construction working hours?

Works will take place from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Mondays to Saturdays. Work will take place during all school holidays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless notified.

The community will be kept informed of any changes to the approved working hours.

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

A particular focus has been placed on ensuring there is minimal noise during school hours. When potentially disruptive work needs to be carried out, advance notice will be provided to the school community and neighbours.

The contractor will implement dust and noise control measures in line with the Construction Environment Management Plan. Those measures include:

- locate equipment such as generators as far as possible from residences
- turn off machinery when not in use
- plan activities and select machinery to minimise noise and dust impacts
- spraying of water during earth works activities in line with water-use restrictions
- install hoarding or shade cloth
- ensure all vehicles exiting the site are clean and regularly serviced.

Neighbours who may be potentially impacted by construction works, including any work conducted outside of approved hours, will receive a works notification providing advance notice.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place when required for the safety of the local community. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary. Please follow directions of any temporary signage and traffic controllers when in place.

The local community will be notified before any major road or traffic changes.

When will the canteen close?

The canteen will be closed from Monday 23 November 2020 to facilitate works in this area. It will return when work is completed. We will advise you prior to its return.

What steps will you take to ensure the safety of the school community?

Health and safety is our highest priority. We are working collaboratively with the school and the contractor to ensure that construction works will be scheduled and managed to minimise impacts where possible.

The construction areas will be fenced and signed, with physical and visual separation of the construction area and neighbouring school grounds. Students and staff will be prohibited from entering the construction site.

Will there be a change to the school entrances?

The existing school entrance on Norfolk Street will continue to operate as normal. The entrance from Adele Crescent was closed from the end of Term 3 in September 2020.

A construction vehicle only access has been installed on Norfolk Street. Existing sign posted street parking at this location has been changed to accommodate this construction access.

A school access at the northern side fence line which connects to the Ashtonfield Park footpaths will be opened and supervised for restricted student access times.

- mornings from 8:45am to 9:15am
- afternoons from 2:45pm to 3:15pm

During the times that this north school access is opened there will be no construction vehicle access. Please see map for more information.

Will parking or bus bay be impacted?

The bus bay will continue to operate as normal. To install the construction access on Norfolk street, changes to existing on street parking zones in this area will be required until the end of the project.

The community will be notified before any parking changes occur.

Will there be changes to Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC)?

From Monday 23 November 2020 the OOSHC will operate from the hall, as work takes place on the canteen and COLA.

The OOSHC will not provide vacation care services over the summer holiday period in January 2021. Contact the OOSHC provider on (02) 4939 1840 for more information on alternative holiday care.

How long will the project take?

The project started main construction activities in October 2020 and is forecast for completion in late 2021.