

# Ashtonfield Public School

Information pack

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Artist impression of the Ashtonfield Public School upgrade

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. 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.

An upgrade is underway at Ashtonfield Public School. The project will deliver:



**12** new innovative and flexible learning spaces



An upgrade to the canteen



An upgrade to the hall



An upgrade to the library



Works to the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and landscape works



An upgrade to staff and administration area



Additional staff car parking

# Ashtonfield Public School upgrade

A project to upgrade Ashtonfield Public School will soon start construction. The project will deliver:

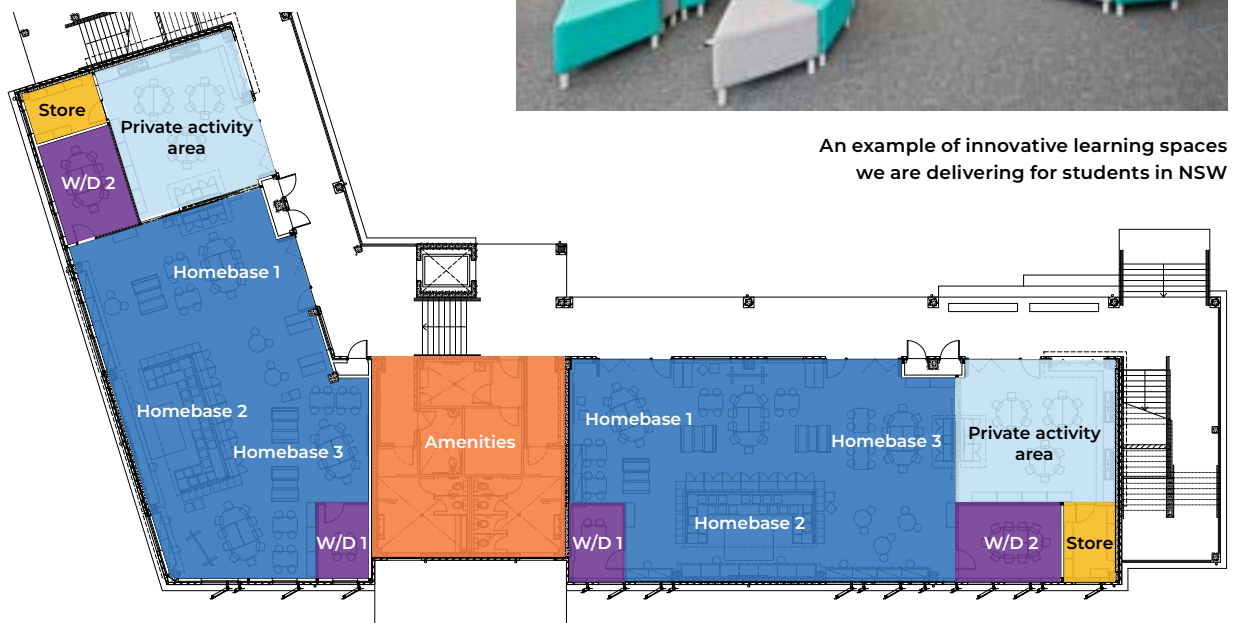
- A new permanent two storey building, which will provide innovative and flexible learning spaces for 12 classes.  
The new building will also have new toilet amenities.  
The new building will allow temporary demountable buildings to be removed and increase the amount of open play space at the school.
- 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 staff parking with 14 additional spaces.
- Landscaping and walkways.

## Innovative learning spaces

This exciting project will deliver four innovative learning spaces that will provide students of Ashtonfield Public School with dynamic environments to learn and succeed. Innovative learning spaces provide flexibility where teachers and students can engage in a range of learning opportunities.

These learning spaces:

- are adaptable and will accommodate three class groups in each space.
- feature inclusive learning zones with flexible spaces, enabling students to engage in explicit teaching, embed technology in learning and collaborate in a variety of settings.



Proposed ground floor layout for innovative learning spaces at Ashtonfield Public School

## Progress summary

The Development Application (DA) was approved by Maitland City Council on 8 July 2020. The concept and schematic designs have been approved and discussions are ongoing with the school.

Site establishment works will start in October 2020 in preparation for main construction works.

During site establishment work, construction access and site fencing will be installed to separate the construction site from the school and main construction works. This will include closing the Adele Crescent school access. This access will close from the last day of term 3 2020 and remain closed until the end of the project.

The construction contractor will be announced shortly, and the first areas of work for the construction team will be the new building and staff car park areas. See map for more details.

We will continue to update you as work progresses to new areas of the school.

- provide opportunities to enhance skills in collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving and creativity.



An example of innovative learning spaces we are delivering for students in NSW

# Frequently asked questions

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## 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.

## What are innovative or flexible learning spaces?

Innovative learning spaces are flexible and well-resourced so that teachers can design a wide range of learning activities to develop the skills and knowledge of students.

## How many new classrooms will this project deliver for our school?

The upgrade includes a new building with 12 flexible learning spaces, common learning areas and new student amenities. There will be four large open planned rooms which will accommodate three classes in each room.

The upgrade to the library will see one permanent class room used as part of the library extension. In total the school will receive 11 new permanent classrooms.

## 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.

## 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 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 will be closed from the end of School term 3, September 2020.

A construction vehicles only access will also be installed on Norfolk Street. Existing sign posted street parking at this location will be changed to accommodate this construction access.

A temporary school access at the north which connects to the Ashtonfield Park footpaths will be opened for restricted 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.

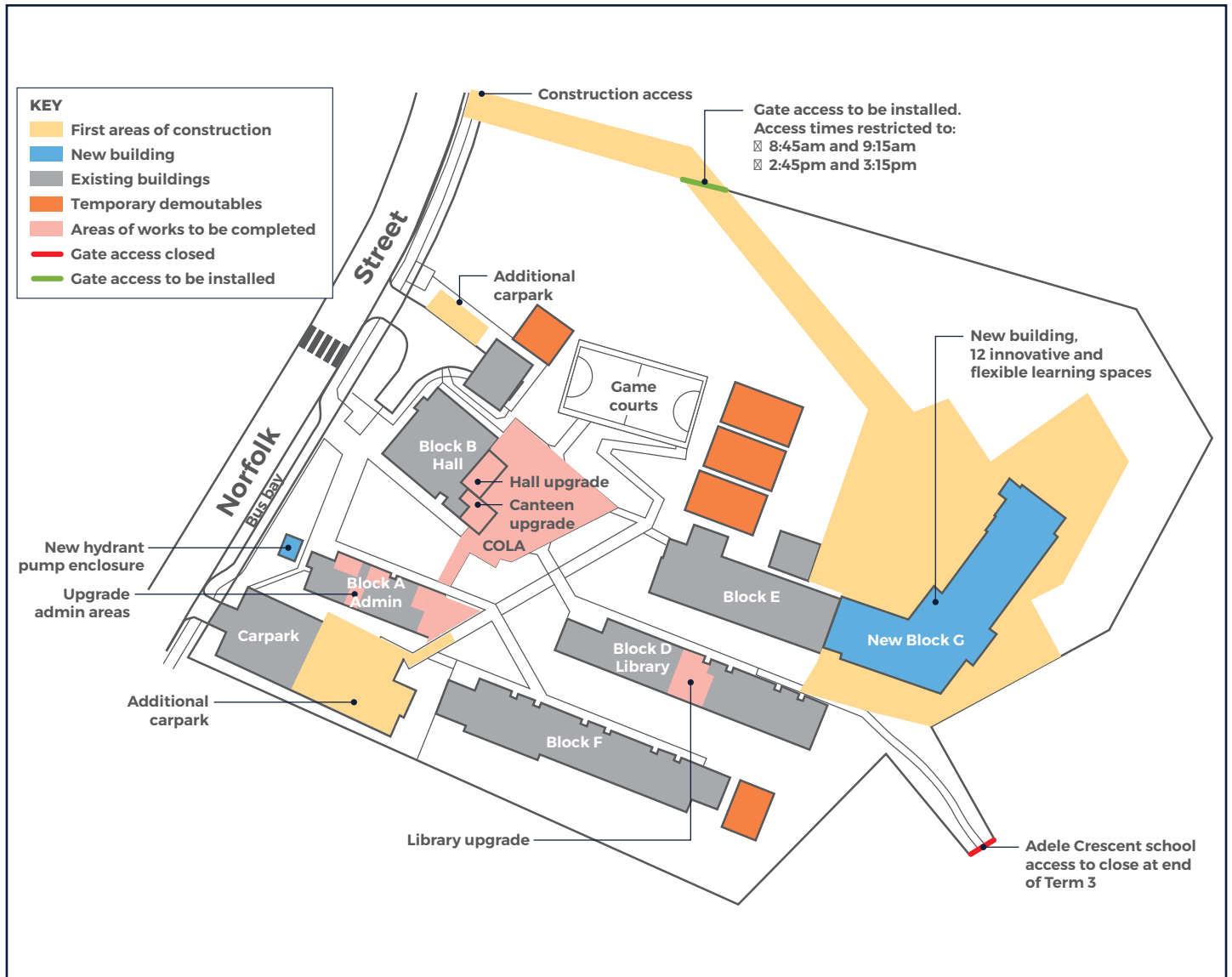
## Will there be changes to Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

At this early stage of the delivery, there will be no changes to out of school hours care.

Once a contractor is announced a detailed construction plan will be developed in conjunction with the school to minimise impacts as much as possible. We will provide more information when it becomes available.

## How long will the project take?

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



Site plan of the Ashtonfield Public School upgrade

## How can I get involved?

Your feedback is important to us. School Infrastructure NSW is committed to working with the school and the wider community to deliver the best possible facility.

Throughout the project there will be opportunities to view plans, ask questions and give feedback.

School Infrastructure NSW's website will include details of upcoming opportunities to find out more.

## Stay informed



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