



Artist impression of the new primary school in Catherine Field

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Early works commencement

May 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.

Project overview

A project is underway to deliver a new primary school for Catherine Field to accommodate up to 1000 students from year K-6. The school will include:

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

Progress summary

The detailed design for the school is now complete. The Development Application (DA) for early works has been approved by Camden Council. This means that we can commence site establishment and early works on the school site.

We are waiting to receive planning approval for the main works. As this project is classified as a State Significant Development (SSD), a development application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for assessment in October 2019. The SSD application was submitted in November 2019 and includes:

- A heritage impact statement and assessment
- A transport and accessibility impact assessment
- Assessment of noise and vibration impacts.

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Early works begin soon

From early May 2020, site establishment and early works will begin. This includes earthworks to prepare the site for construction and installing hoarding and a site compound for worker amenities and facilities.

Work hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Saturday. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays. We will continue to work with the head contractor, Hansen Yuncken, to ensure any disruption to our neighbours is kept to a minimum.

Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020

In line with the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to allow workers to follow social distancing rules on construction sites by distributing work across the week.

Each school project will determine whether there is a need to adopt the new rule depending on the stage of the project, the type of work being performed, and the number of workers required on site. We will notify the local community of changes to construction hours for each project and will ensure work is considerate of neighbours with noise kept to a minimum.

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