

Bletchington Public School

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Artist impression – Perspective of the new learning hub from the north east

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 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.

Project overview

A project is underway to upgrade Bletchington Public School to bring students the latest educational facilities and support the local community. The project will deliver:



10 new flexible learning spaces



An upgrade of the existing hall



A new ICT special programs unit



The refurbishment of existing learning spaces including support classes and multi-purpose areas



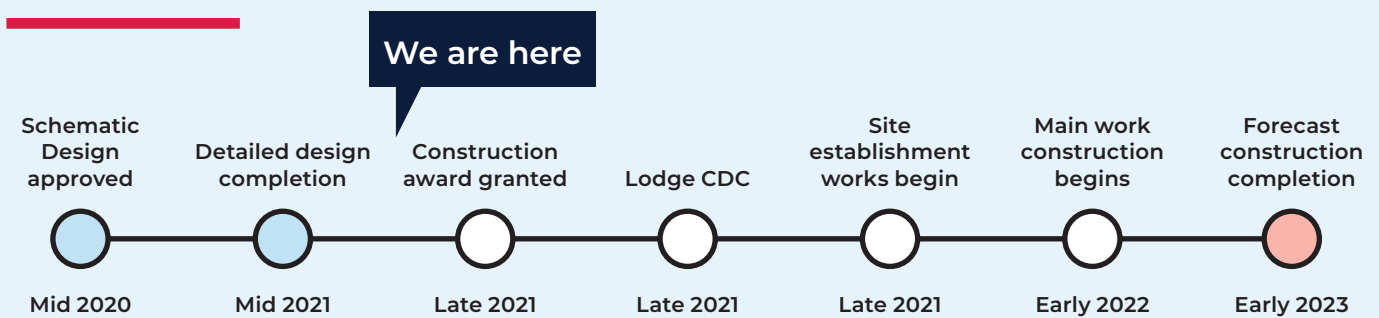
Replacement of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and upgraded connected walkways

Progress summary

The construction contract is expected to be awarded in late 2021. Once appointed, the builder will lodge a Complying Development Certificate (CDC) to obtain planning approval for the main works. Site establishment works to prepare the site for construction will follow and include:

- the installation of a temporary car park for construction workers
- setting up temporary fencing to establish the site boundary
- the installation of a temporary site office and construction amenities.

Timeline



What you can expect during construction

Construction work will be coordinated in stages to prioritise safety, amenity and to minimise disruption.

- site establishment
- construction of the new two-storey learning hub
- internal refurbishment of existing buildings and hall

We are currently preparing for site establishment at Bletchington Public School. Standard construction work hours will be 7am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays without prior notification.

The safety of students, staff and the community is of paramount importance to School Infrastructure NSW. For projects under construction we take steps to separate the construction site from ongoing school operations. All construction areas at Bletchington Public School will be fenced off to provide a physical barrier between the works site and school operations.

Steps to minimise disruption

For all phases of work a number of measures will be put in place to minimise disruption to the school community and our nearest neighbours. Steps to control dust, noise and sediment will be detailed in the builder's Construction Management Plan (CMP).

Construction vehicles will enter the site via a dedicated entrance shown on the site map below.

Traffic management will be implemented when required. This includes the use of onsite traffic control personnel to manage the entry and exit of construction vehicles. Site vehicles must give way to pedestrians at all times.

Site plan

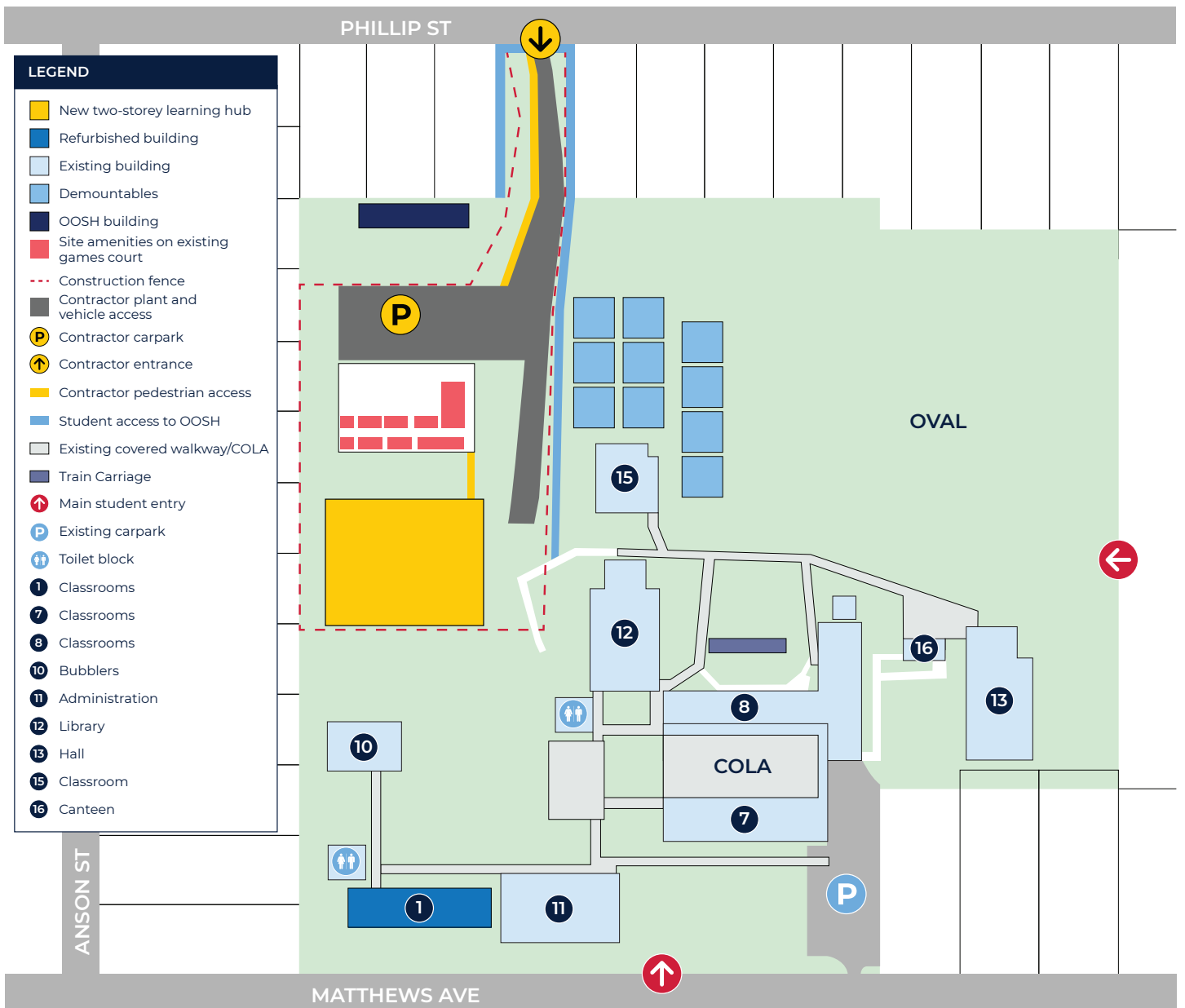


Figure 1 Site Map Blethington PS



Frequently asked questions

Will traffic and street parking be affected during construction?

The impact of our projects on the local community is considered throughout the planning phase. We work with councils and local communities to identify issues and put in place measures to mitigate the effects.

Entry and exit for all construction traffic during early works at Bletchington Public School will be separate to the main school gates. In addition, a temporary car park facility for construction workers will further minimise the impact on the community.

What measures will be put in place to ensure compliance with COVID 19 requirements?

We follow the latest Department of Education policy and public health orders in relation to COVID 19 safety measures. At the moment, all personnel entering an operational school site in NSW are required to be double vaccinated. This applies whether access is required inside or outside of school hours.

In the case of an isolated construction site which is fenced off and separate from school operations, the requirement does not apply.

During the site establishment phase at Bletchington Public School, all contractors must comply with double vaccination requirements until such time as the site is isolated by fencing. Until this point, contractors will be required to present themselves at the school reception to check in and provide evidence of their vaccination status.

If at any point during construction a contractor requires access through operational school grounds (such as through a driveway also being used by the school), then the double vaccination requirements will apply.

How will the community be kept safe during construction?

The safety of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Throughout the entire construction period rigorous safety and security measures will be put in place. There will be regular consultation with the school to discuss construction progress.

Will utility services be interrupted as part of construction?

School Infrastructure NSW will notify local residents and businesses in advance if utility services are required to be upgraded or relocated.

Will the existing demountable classrooms be removed at the end of the project?

The Bletchington Public School upgrade will increase the number of permanent learning spaces available at the school and refurbish existing learning spaces to support modern collaborative learning. The existing demountable classrooms are planned to be removed at the end of the project, subject to enrolment demand.

Were ecologically sustainable development (ESD) principles considered in the design?

The project will include solar panels to the maximum extent permitted by NSW Government guidelines. In addition, below ground rainwater tanks will enable garden irrigation during dry periods

Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction work?

If you have any queries or concerns about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

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Website

Stay up to date by visiting the School Infrastructure NSW website schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



Email

Contact the Community Engagement team by emailing schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au



Phone

Contact us between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday on **1300 482 651**