Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver 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.

Benefits

- a new two-storey learning hub including 10 new flexible learning spaces (classrooms)
- a hall upgrade
- a new ICT special programs unit
- refurbishment of existing learning spaces including support classes and withdrawal areas
- replacement of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and upgraded connecting walkways
- removal of demountables.



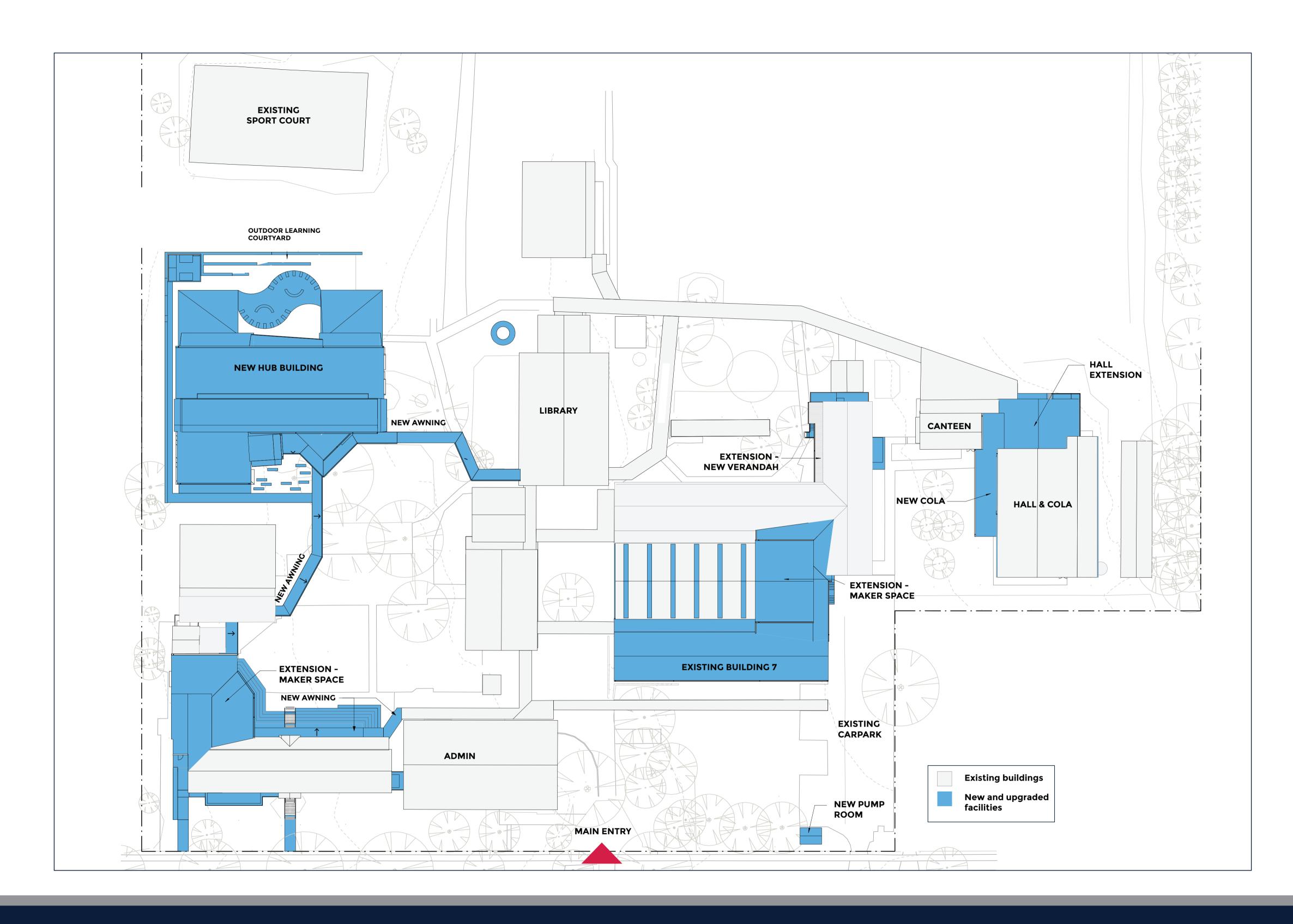
Artist impression of the new learning hub from the North West

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Proposed site plan



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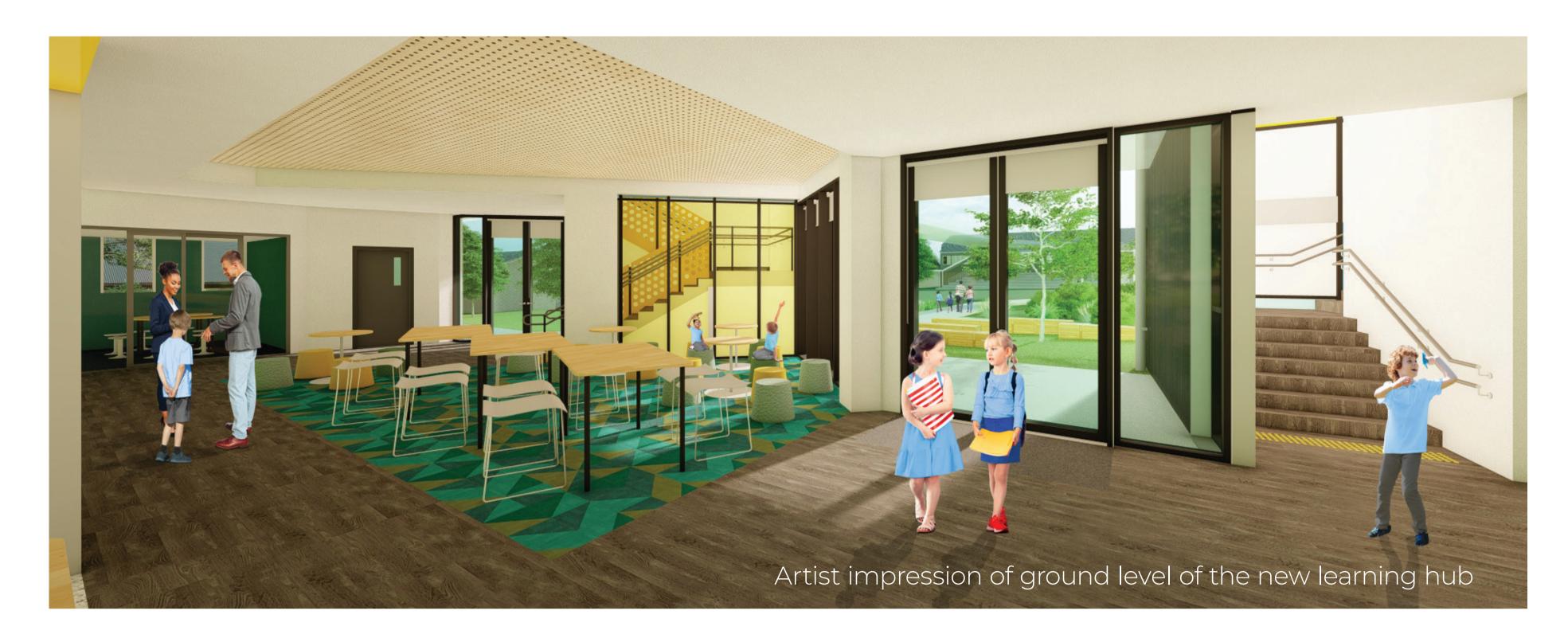


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Innovative learning environments

Innovative learning environments offer flexibility where teachers can provide opportunities for student engagement. The learning spaces:

- are adaptable to accommodate small or large groups
- include learning centres with flexible spaces that allow students to use technology in a variety of settings
- provide opportunities to enhance skills in collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving and creativity.





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Planning approvals

The project will be seeking development consent through a Complying Development Certificate (CDC).

Complying development applications are determined by council or an independent certifier and must satisfy prescribed planning approval conditions and environmental requirements.

Some of the technical reports undertaken to date include:

- BCA Compliance Report
- Access Assessment
- Geotechnical Investigation Report
- Hazardous Material Audit
- Site Contamination Assessment
- Detail Survey
- Accommodation Schedule

- Services, Structural & Civil Inspection Report
- Transport Advisory Technical Note
- Preliminary Arborist Report
- Draft Security Design
- Acoustic report
- Safe Design Report





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Consultation

A Project Reference Group (PRG) was established in August 2019 including architects, planners and design professionals, and Department of Education, Bletchington Public School, and P&C leadership representatives.

A preferred design to meet Bletchington Public School's educational and operational requirements has been developed in consultation with the PRG.

Consultation with a number of external bodies, including Orange City Council and relevant utility providers among others, was undertaken throughout the design process. Priorities from these key stakeholders has informed the development of the design.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.



Artist impression – proposed new learning hub from the Park Street gate entry

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