



Artist impression of the new learning hub from the North East

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.

Changing the way we communicate

The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority. We are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed about our project in your community to account for social distancing measures.

How we will keep you informed

Until further notice we will share information with our communities online instead of in person. The SINSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project in your area. Our information hotline and email address will continue to operate as normal.

Stay informed



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**

Bletchington Public School

Information pack

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The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion 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.



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a new ICT special programs unit



a hall upgrade



refurbishment of existing learning spaces including support classes and withdrawal areas



replacement of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and upgraded connecting walkways

Overview

A project is underway to upgrade Bletchington Public School to bring students the latest educational facilities and support the local community. The project has been approved to proceed to the delivery phase and subject to development consent will deliver:

- 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.

Progress summary

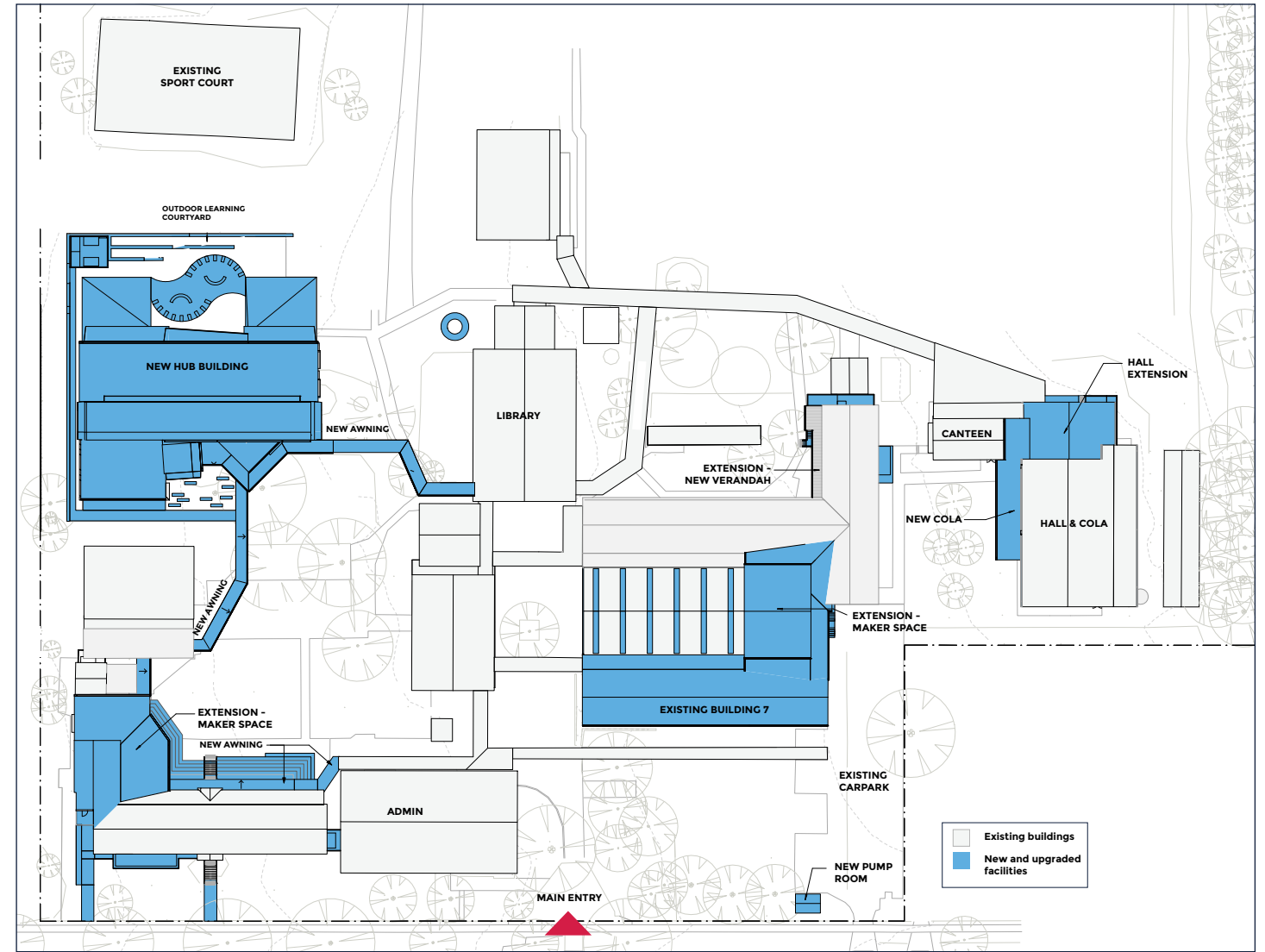
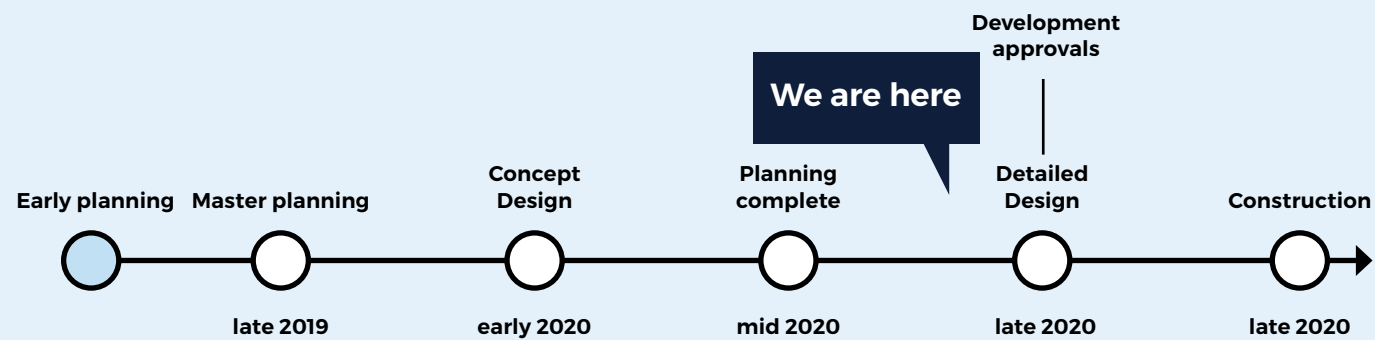
A Project Reference Group (PRG) was established in August 2019 including architects, planners and design professionals, and Department of Education, Bletchington Public School, and P&C leadership representatives.

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

Next steps

- Seeking development consent through a Complying Development Certificate (CDC).
- Tendering for the construction contract.
- Developing the detailed design.

Redevelopment project timeline



Bletchington Public School upgrade indicative site map

Frequently asked questions

What is 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.

What consultation has been undertaken for the Bletchington Public School upgrade?

The preferred design for the school upgrade was developed by a Project Reference Group (PRG) of architects, planners and design professionals in collaboration with Department of Education, Bletchington Public School, and P&C leadership representatives. 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.

Will any demountables remain at Bletchington Public school at the end of the project?

The Department uses numerous strategies to manage fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term. These include the Department's school enrolment policy to manage out of area enrolments, reviewing school catchment boundaries to improve utilisation across schools in a local area and providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required. Where there are sustained and stable enrolment increases from within the local school catchment area, the Department provides additional permanent facilities, as necessary.

The Bletchington Public School upgrade will increase the number of permanent learning spaces available at the school, refurbish existing learning spaces to support modern collaborative teaching pedagogy, and upgrade the hall.



Artist impression of ground level of the new learning hub