



Bletchington Public School

Project update

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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 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 multi-purpose areas, replacement of the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and upgraded connecting walkways.

Progress summary

A contract for construction work at Bletchington PS has been awarded to Lipman PTY Ltd. Site establishment and preparation work began in December 2022 and is nearing completion, ready for main works.

Next steps

Main construction will begin when we receive the Complying Development Certificate (CDC). We expect main works to be underway by late February / early March, continuing throughout 2022. The school upgrade at Bletchington PS is expected to be complete by early 2023.

From late February / early March, civil earthworks will begin at the site of the future new learning hub and will include site levelling, the excavation of footings and the installation of in-ground services. The excavation of a new retaining wall to the north and west of the new learning hub will also begin. In-ground rainwater tanks and pipes will be installed ahead of the concrete ground slab being laid.

Over the coming weeks, a shed will be relocated to the north boundary of the school, close to the OOSH building with some trees being lopped to allow works to progress.

We will take every step to minimise disruption to students and the wider community during the upgrade and will continue to consult with the school to support student learning during construction. We will continue to keep you up to date as the project progresses.

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Frequently asked questions

What steps have been taken to minimise disruption?

For main construction work at Bletchington PS, 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).

We will seek to contain construction access to site by having all construction vehicles enter via a dedicated site entrance off Phillip Street which is separate to all student / staff entries. These detailed plans were shared during our information session held in December 2021 in Bletchington Public School hall.

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.

What times of the day will construction work take place?

Construction working hours at Bletchington PS will be 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday and 7 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.

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. 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 the school operations, the requirement does not apply. During early site establishment works at Bletchington Public School, all contractors had to comply with double vaccination requirements until such time as the site was isolated by fencing. The site boundary is now established separating the construction site from school operations.

If at any point during construction the isolated works site 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.

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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