



Artist impression of the Canterbury South Public School upgrade

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Project Update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 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.

Progress summary: Development application

A development application (DA) for the main works is awaiting approval by Canterbury Bankstown Council (Council).

The DA outlines how School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will upgrade Canterbury South Public School to deliver 18 new learning and teaching spaces as well as new core facilities such as a hall, library, canteen and administration buildings.

On Wednesday 8 July 2020, SINSW, Council and four local community members spoke to the South Sydney Planning Panel about the DA. The Planning Panel has deferred their decision to allow SINSW to complete further studies related to traffic congestion around the school at peak times as well as pedestrian and cyclist safety and acoustics.

How your feedback is being incorporated into our updated development application

Residents living closest to the school raised concerns about **staff parking spaces**. As a result, SINSW has re-worked the site layout to add an extra 14 car spaces in the school carpark. This means there will be a total of 28 car spaces for staff when the upgrade is complete, providing one car space for every two staff members.

Residents near the school also raised concerns about the **height of the proposed school buildings**. SINSW has moved plant equipment from the roof into an enclosed space on the ground floor. This has reduced the overall height of the building by almost one metre.

Parts of the school building that exceed the local building height standard have been carefully located so they don't cause adverse impacts on nearby properties. Residential properties on Napier Street won't experience overshadowing on their dwellings.

We acknowledge that **parking and traffic flow** remains a safety issue during peak times. SINSW's traffic consultant had originally proposed 90° angle parking on Napier Street.

On receiving feedback from Council, we agree that introducing parking spaces where vehicles need to reverse in/out is not a safer option during peak times.

We have decided to commission new traffic studies to further investigate suitable options. Our goal is to improve traffic conditions near the school.

The safety of students, staff and the local community remains our highest priority.

Frequently asked questions

How fast are the school enrolments expected to grow?

The Canterbury South Public School upgrade will deliver learning spaces for around 690 students.

Based on current population projections for the local area, school enrolments will grow gradually over the next decade. There won't be a sudden increase in student numbers immediately after the upgrade is completed.

Why is SINSW building a school with a higher capacity than is needed?

Population projections are based on information we have available today, including proposed development in the local area and demographic data about the local population.

These factors are subject to constant change, so we have designed a school upgrade with flexibility to grow, if extra enrolments are required in local school catchments later this decade.

Rather than deliver two separate construction projects with double the associated impacts on the local community, we will upgrade the school to be fit for the future as a single project.

What steps will you take to control traffic congestion around the school?

We have engaged a different traffic consultant to conduct new traffic studies for us.

This traffic consultant will take a number of factors into consideration, including feedback received from the local community as part of SINSW's community engagement sessions and via DA submissions to Council.

How will you manage the noise associated with a larger school population, especially traffic noise?

We are requesting new acoustic reports in line with the updated traffic studies. When the information is

available, we will share it with the school community and the local community.

What happens now that the Planning Panel have deferred their decision on the DA?

Our priority is to deliver a school redevelopment that responds to issues raised by the school community and the local community.

Over the coming weeks, we are undertaking a range of new studies to compile all the reports and information requested by the South Sydney Planning Panel in their deferral decision. Once complete, we will deliver these reports to Council for their review and recommendations.

We expect that soon after that, the South Sydney Planning Panel will hold another public meeting to determine the matter.

Who can I contact if I have feedback about the traffic in the local streets?

If you have any queries or concerns about school-related traffic conditions as part of this school upgrade, you can contact us during business hours on 1300 482 651. You can also contact us via email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

For more information contact:

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