



Artist impression of the Canterbury South Public School upgrade

## Canterbury South Public School

### Project update

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#### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 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.

#### Canterbury South Public School

The upgrade at Canterbury South Public School will deliver:

- a new building with 30 learning and teaching spaces
- a new administration building
- a new library
- a new hall
- a new canteen
- a covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- upgraded landscaping.

#### Progress summary

Preliminary works have been completed, which includes the demolition and installation of new services.

The South Sydney Planning Panel deferred its decision on the Development Application (DA) that was lodged with Canterbury Bankstown Council earlier this year. A decision is expected in December 2020 following a response to Council's concerns on the original DA.

The main concern about traffic management was addressed by adjusting the design to include an internal road within the school boundary to assist with traffic flow. The full scope of works will now include the new internal road.

A workshop was recently held with local residents and parents to discuss the traffic concerns and proposed solutions. A Green Transport Plan was proposed to complement the proposed design changes. Parents and the local community are encouraged to support and implement the Green Travel Plan to help achieve better and safer transport outcomes for the school.

## Frequently asked questions

### What has been done to address the concerns with traffic?

Key concerns regarding traffic have been:

1. Insufficient parking
2. Higher traffic congestion due to school expansion
3. Illegal parking and impacts on existing parking
4. Pedestrian safety.

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) considered these concerns and made changes to the design to include;

- More parking spaces in the staff carpark
- A proposed internal, one-way road in school grounds to connect Napier Street to France Street
- Dedicated drop off bays adjacent to the internal road
- Management of the internal road with a gate, allowing access to the road only during school drop off and pick up times
- No changes to existing street car parking.

### Do these changes mean Napier Street will become one-way?

No, there are currently no proposed changes to Napier Street.

### Will there be any trees removed as part of the project?

Some trees will need to be removed to complete the project. However, overall there will be an addition of trees on site. The plan proposes landscaping along the new internal road.

### What is a Green Transport Plan?

A Green Travel Plan is a tool designed to address an organisation's travel needs and impacts. It provides measures and initiatives that encourage and support sustainable travel alternatives for staff, students, and their parents or guardians.

The key aim is to rely less on car transportation.

### What happens next with the Development Application (DA)?

SINSW originally submitted the DA to Canterbury Bankstown Council for this project in early 2020. Due to the size of the project, the DA is determined by the South Sydney Planning Panel (SSPP).

The SSPP reviewed the DA in July 2020 and deferred their decision to allow SINSW to complete further studies related to traffic congestion around the school, pedestrian and cyclist safety, and acoustics.

SINSW has since provided additional information to Council to address these concerns. This includes the change in the design to include the internal road.

It is expected that the SSPP will decide on the DA at the December 2020 meeting.

### What is the South Sydney Planning Panel?

Sydney and Regional Planning Panels were introduced to NSW in 2009 to strengthen decision making on regionally significant development applications and other planning matters.

The Planning Panels are independent bodies. Determinations made by the Planning Panels are not subject to the direction of the Minister for Planning.

Further details can be found on the following link

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planningpanels>

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