

Upgrades to Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

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Carlingford West Public School artist impression. Concept designs may change as part of ongoing development.



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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

The Department of Education has listened to the community's valuable feedback, and has developed a joint project to upgrade Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School. This responds to community feedback regarding traffic, transport and access, as well as enrolment numbers, outdoor play space, proposed community and shared uses of the school, along with the visual impact of the buildings.

The concept design is being developed in consultation with the Project Reference Groups (PRGs). This confirms the overall layout of the school and positioning of facilities to meet educational, operational and service delivery requirements. It also takes into consideration environmental, access, transport and other planning requirements.

We are preparing the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project, the set of terms by which the Department of Planning and Environment will assess the State Significant Development (SSD) application for the project.

The project will apply for planning approval through the State Significant Development (SSD) application process to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in mid 2022.

Project features

Carlingford West Public School's upgrade is being designed to include:

- 56 new homebase classrooms
- new hall
- new library
- new tennis courts
- new canteen
- refurbished staff and administration areas.

Cumberland High School's upgrade is being designed to include:

- 102 learning spaces including new wood workshops
- sport and performance space
- visual art spaces
- new multipurpose hall
- new library
- new multipurpose sports courts
- new canteen
- staff and administration facilities.

Further details about the schools facilities will be shared with the community as the project progresses.



An example of visual arts and wood workshops



An example of a high school multipurpose hall with indoor sports courts

Flexible learning spaces

This exciting project will deliver new learning environments for the next generation of young minds. The learning environments will offer flexibility where teachers can provide more opportunities for student engagement.

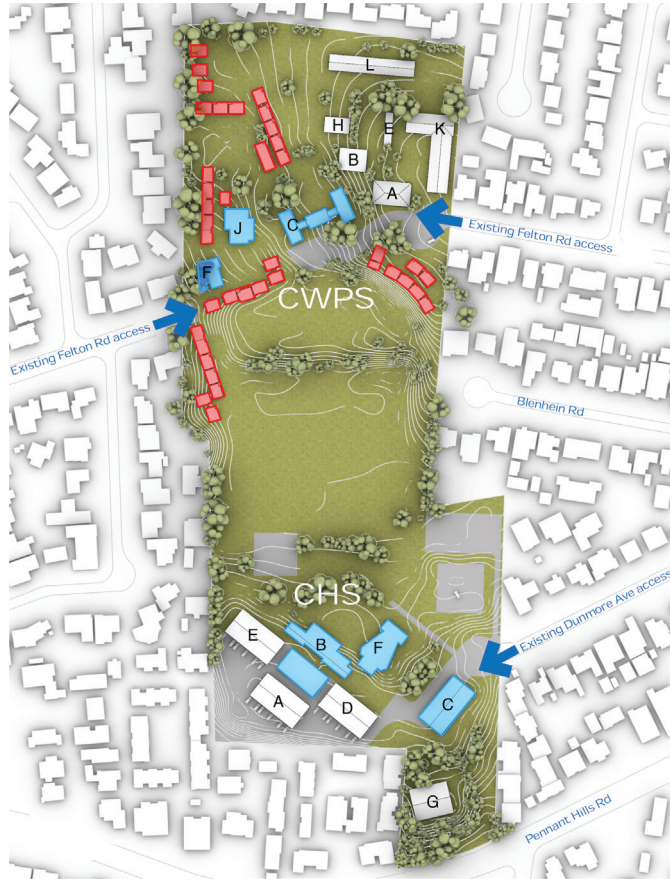
- adaptable to accommodate small or large groups
- provide accessibility to new technology in a variety of settings
- encourage a personalised learning experience so students learn at their own level and pace.



An example of a flexible learning space in a primary school

Site layout

Current site



Proposed master plan



- To be demolished
- Temporary buildings removed
- New buildings
- Retained buildings



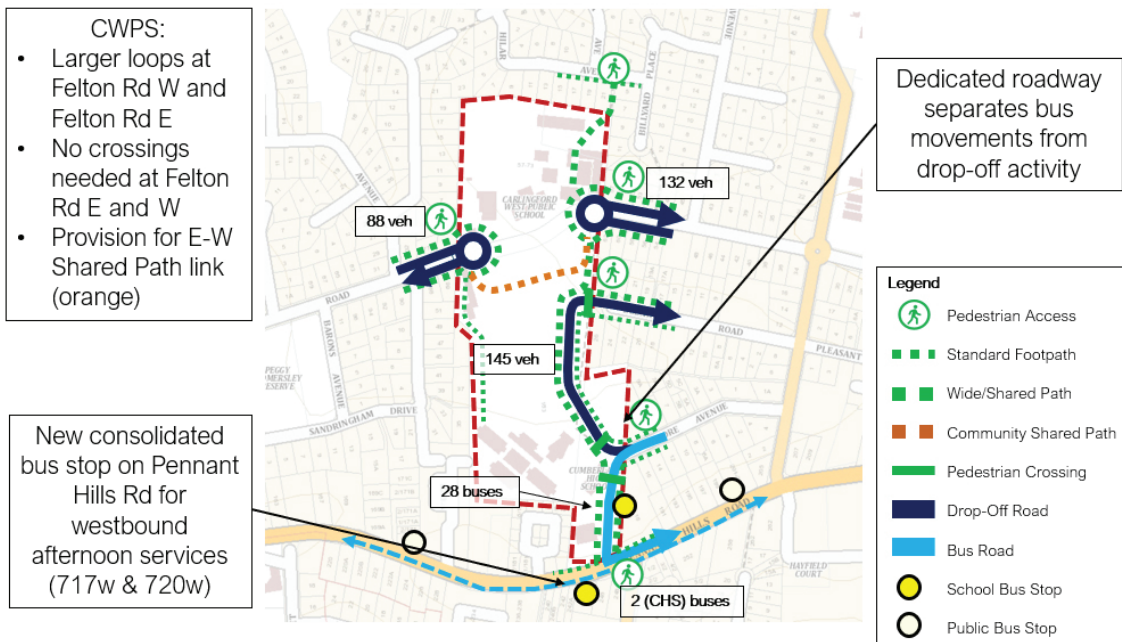
Proposed master plan of combined school site from the east

Improving traffic management

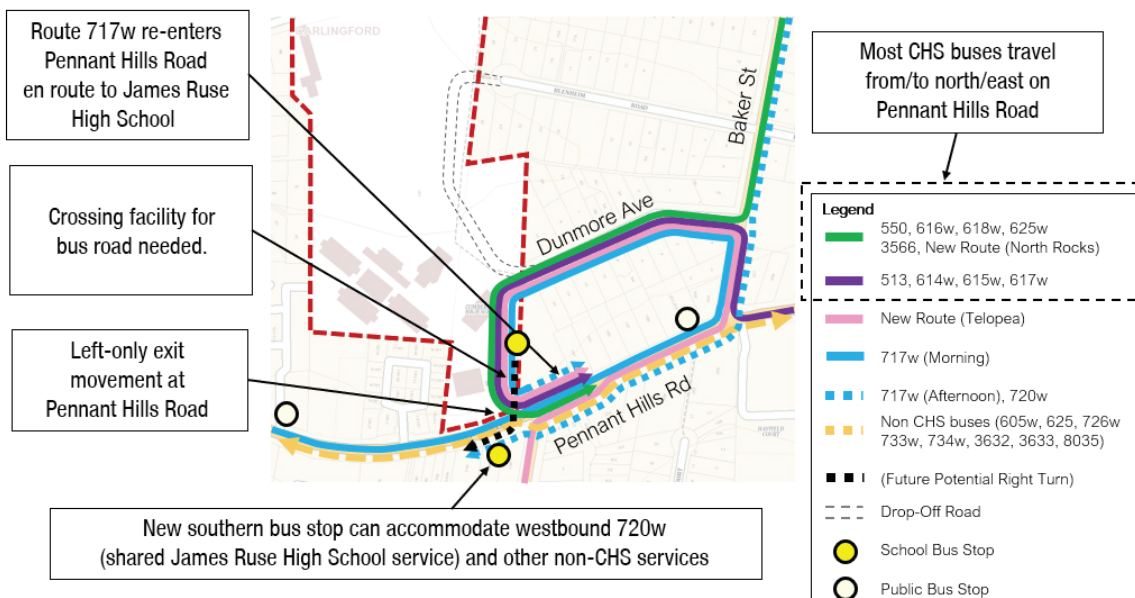
SINSW has worked in close consultation with traffic experts from City of Parramatta Council and Transport for NSW to understand current traffic patterns around Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School. As part of the review of the master plan for the school sites, the below traffic solutions have received in-principle agreement from City of Parramatta and Transport for NSW.

- New pedestrian links across both schools and new kiss and drop for both Felton Road East and West.
- New, one-way car only access Link Road between Dunmore Avenue and Blenheim Street. One-way traffic will increase the flow of vehicles and help reduce congestion.
- New, one-way bus road linking Dunmore Avenue to Pennant Hills Road. Buses will only be travelling with the general flow of traffic and only have to travel along Baker Street /Dunmore Avenue once.
- New Baker Street / Pennant Hills Road signalised intersection confirmed by City of Parramatta to help get traffic out of Baker Street.
- The Link Road between Dunmore Avenue and Blenheim Street will have an approximate 70 metre long drop off and pick up bay for parents of both schools to use as another alternative to existing arrangements at Felton Road East and West and the cul-de-sac at the end of Blenheim Street.
- School start and finish times will be staggered between Cumberland High School, Carlingford West Public School and James Ruse High School to alleviate pressure on the various transport options in the area.

Map of traffic proposals



Map of proposed new one-way bus only road



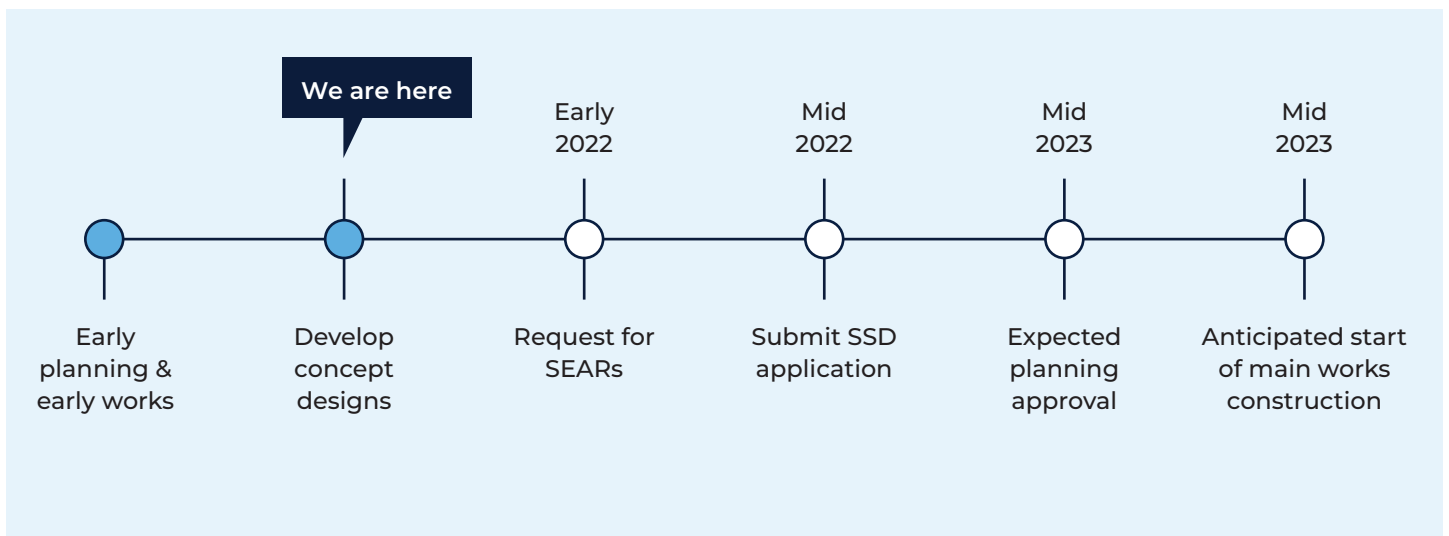
*Transport infrastructure is proposed and subject to further consultation with stakeholders including Council and Transport for NSW.

Next steps

- We are continuing to refine the design, considering educational, operational and service delivery requirements, in consultation with the PRGs. This is the concept design phase where architects will consider the overall layout and look and feel of the school, as well as the character of the buildings to ensure the design responds to the local surrounding area and takes into consideration heritage, environmental, access, transport and other planning requirements. Once finalised, the concept designs will be shared with the community for feedback.
- As part of our planning for the upgrades, early works are being undertaken to establish the site and facilitate the start of the main works. Early works include relocation of temporary buildings, refurbishment of buildings A and B at Carlingford West Public School and building D at Cumberland High School. This work will take place as exempt development in line with the guidelines of the State Environmental Planning Policy 2017.
- Early works demolition of buildings C and J at Carlingford West Public School and buildings B and C at Cumberland High School will take place during the April school holidays. Early works also include some minor civil works to upgrade the Felton Road east turning circle. These works will take place under a complying development certificate.
- We will submit a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project. This is a set of terms by which the Department of Planning and Environment will assess the SSD application for the project.

We look forward to sharing more information with you as the project progresses. In the meantime you can stay informed by regularly visiting the project web page and you can contact us via email or phone if you have any questions or feedback about the upgrades.

Anticipated project timeline



The above timeline shows indicative dates only. The completion date will be confirmed should consent be granted for the SSD application and the delivery program is finalised.

Typically, the SSD approval process takes between 6-9 months. Detailed information about the SSD approval process is available online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au.

Further updates regarding the upgrades to Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School will be released as the project progresses.

Frequently asked questions

What are the SEARs?

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) are the set of terms by which Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will assess SINSW's application for planning approval. The SEARs are prepared by DPE to ensure the impacts of the project are properly described and understood. DPE consults with other relevant government departments and agencies to prepare the SEARs. To satisfy the SEARs, SINSW must prepare a document called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

What is the next step for the project?

The project team will lodge a Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) which is the first step of the planning approval process. The DPE will then assess the project and advise the project team on the studies that need to be included as part of the main development application.

How does the design consider the local environment and sustainability?

The project will be targeting 4 Star Green Star accreditation, which is a Green Building Council of Australia certification that rates the sustainability of the facility. This includes to provision of solar panels, water tanks, use of sustainable materials and efficient fixtures and fittings. The design of the school has considered existing trees on site and aims to retain as many trees and bushland as possible while providing the needs of a modern school. An ecology report and landscape design will be prepared and submitted with the SSD application for the project.

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