



Upgrades to Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

Project update

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The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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 feedback, and has developed a joint project to upgrade Carlingford West Public School (CWPS) and Cumberland High School (CHS).

The upgrade at CWPS is designed to deliver new flexible learning spaces, new hall, new library, new tennis courts, new canteen, and refurbished staff and administration areas.

The upgrade to CHS is designed to deliver new flexible learning spaces including specialist spaces such as wood/metal workshops and visual arts spaces, new multipurpose hall, sport and performance spaces, new library, new multipurpose sports courts, new canteen, and refurbished staff and administration facilities.

Early works to prepare the site continues

Early works to prepare the site for main works are ongoing, including demolition and remediation works.

Demolition of CHS Building B and removal of asbestos containing materials were completed during the Term 2 school holidays and clearance certificates from the independent hygienist have been issued. Temporary fencing will be put in place of hoarding while make good works are being completed.

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All pre-existing temporary demountable buildings have been removed from the school to clear the site for the new construction works.

CWPS Building C demolition has finished with clearance certificates issued by the independent hygienist. Hoarding will remain while make good works are being completed.

Review of Environmental Factors

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is an environmental assessment used by government agencies and public authorities to determine whether an activity should be approved by taking into account all matters that affect or may affect the environment.

The link road from Dunmore Avenue to Blenheim Road and adjoining CHS car park will be delivered under a REF, a planning assessment under the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

The REF was chosen as the appropriate assessment pathway as there are no works involving built forms associated with classrooms or other school facilities, that will result in an increase in staff or student numbers.

Transport solution

School Infrastructure NSW in collaboration with traffic experts from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and City of Parramatta Council (Council) have developed an overall transport solution.

To address community concerns and bring forward some of transport infrastructure upgrades, a REF has been chosen as the agreed planning pathway to undertake the construction of the link road and carpark upgrade. Bringing forward this component of the works has been discussed with TfNSW and Council who both support the early construction of this package of works, prior to the main components of CWPS and CHS Upgrades being assessed as part of the SSD application.

The link road's objective is to better manage the traffic flows during peak hour drop off and pick-up time. The one-way links within the site ensures that the congestion resulting from traffic flows on narrow streets is reduced, compared to two-way flows.

New traffic lights at Baker Street / Pennant Hills Road intersection, which are to be constructed as part of the adjacent BaptistCare development, confirmed by Council and TfNSW, and will help reduce congestion by getting traffic out of Baker Street.

The safety of students on the school site is of critical importance and is a major factor in selecting and developing a transport strategy.

Operation of the CHS link road will be reviewed regularly to ensure it helps reduce impacts on the local community.

Pedestrian access to CWPS and CHS at Blenheim Road will be closed

Due to the proposed link road works starting in September 2022, pedestrian access from Blenheim Road to CWPS and CHS will be closed from 24 September 2022 (start of Term 3 school holidays) and remain closed when the one-way car only link road is finished. The following proposed REF works on the link road are expected to start in September 2022:

- Demolition of existing structures, including sports courts, a bus shelter and retaining walls
- Removal and pruning of trees around the car park and along the eastern boundary
- Construction of new car only single lane one-way road and drop off and pick up zone adjacent to the eastern boundary
- A 1.8m-2.5m fence along the eastern boundary and access to Blenheim Road (see site plan with boundary fence below) The fence will function as a security and acoustic barrier

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- Public domain and infrastructure adjustments to Blenheim Road including new vehicle crossover, relocation of a power pole and relocation of a drainage pit
- New stormwater infrastructure including an on-site detention tank below the car park to service the whole of the new build
- Renewal and extension of the existing staff carpark, including relocating the entry driveway to create a connection with the new link road
- Landscaping, lighting and security infrastructure.

Managing construction impacts

We're committed to providing the best learning environments at public schools across NSW to give young people the skills and learning they need to succeed. We're delivering a record investment in new and upgraded schools and we acknowledge this work can cause a range of impacts, such as:



noise from tools and machines



vibration from demolition, digging and drilling



dust from demolition and digging



increased traffic or changes to traffic conditions on local streets

We aim to reduce the impact of construction by:



preparing for construction before work starts



communicating with neighbours or others who may be impacted by the works



managing the way the construction works are completed to reduce impacts if possible

A plan to minimise impacts to the local area will be developed prior to construction and shared with the community when planning approval is received. For more information visit edu.nsw.link/ConstructionImpacts.

Next steps

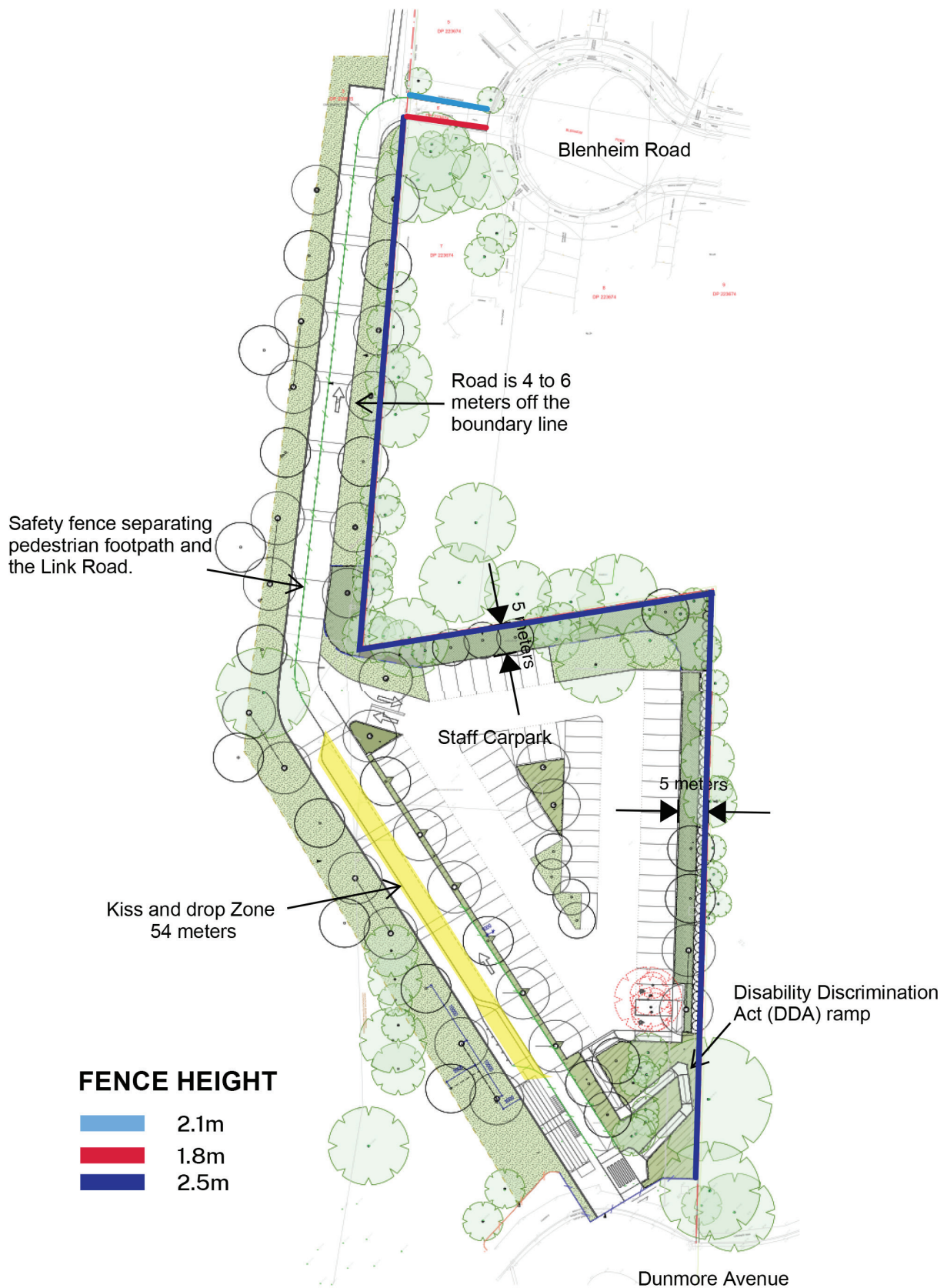
Works on the link road from Dunmore Avenue to Blenheim Road and adjoining CHS car park are expected to start in September 2022.

The State Significant Development (SSD) application is being finalised for lodgement, including the environmental impact statement and the supporting technical studies.

After the SSD application is lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment, it will be put on public exhibition and there will be further opportunity for the community to make submissions directly to DPE during that time.

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Link road site plan with boundary fence

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