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Project Update

June 2020

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 New South Wales. 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 deliver a new primary school on O'Keefe Drive to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 44 new flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- administration and staff facilities.

The new school has been designed to accommodate up to 1000 students from years K-6.

Modern construction techniques are being used in the build, including constructing school buildings offsite. This reduces the impact to local residents and saves time when compared to traditional builds.

Progress summary

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for this project has been fast tracked by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The SSD application is now approved. Main works construction will start in early July 2020. Early works are already underway at the site.

Construction

Work hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm Saturdays. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

We will continue to work with the head contractor to ensure any disruption to our neighbours is kept to a minimum.

Keeping you updated

We are temporarily changing some of the ways that we keep you informed to account for social distancing measures.

Instead of community information sessions, we invite you to view more information about this project at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/c/catherine-field-new-primary-school.html>

We will keep you updated and provide more information about the construction timetable in the coming months. You can speak with us using the information below.

For more information contact:

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Managing construction impacts

Main works construction will start in early July 2020, starting with installing the foundations of the school buildings.

As part of the consent to carry out the work, the main contractor is required to develop a Construction Environmental Management Plan. This plan outlines how it will manage construction impacts on nearby local residents. These impacts include noise, vibration and vehicle movements.

You can view the consent conditions, including those required for managing construction impacts via the project webpage at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/c/catherine-field-new-primary-school.html>.

Your feedback

Let us know what you think about how we propose to manage construction activities listed in the table below.

Provide your feedback via email or phone by Friday 26 June 2020.

- Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
- Phone: 1300 482 65

Activity	Consent condition and proposed activities
General	<p>Proposed actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Noise levels on site will not exceed the noise control guidelines that are outlined in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works.▪ We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.▪ Trucks will be well maintained and only use approved truck routes to and from the site.▪ The majority of buildings that will be installed on site are being manufactured off site. Transporting them to site will require special wide load and length vehicles. We will provide advance notice of the proposed route and after hours timing of this to the local residents.
Construction	<p>Consent condition: procedures for achieving the noise management levels in EPA's <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i> (DECC, 2009).</p> <p>Consent condition: noise reducing work practices to be implemented.</p> <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Noise levels for general activities will only occur within approved standard work hours:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Between 7:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Fridayb) Between 8:00am and 1:00pm Saturdayc) No work may be carried out on Sundays or public holidays unless approved by the Department of Industry, Planning and Environment.▪ An acoustic fence will be installed on O'Keefe Drive to mitigate noise impacts.▪ Work will occur within approved standard work hours.▪ Workers and contractors are regularly trained to use equipment in ways to minimise noise.▪ Avoid the use of radios or stereos outdoors where neighbours can be affected.▪ Avoid the overuse of public address systems.▪ Avoid shouting and minimise talking loudly or slamming vehicle doors.▪ Develop a one-page summary of the consent conditions for the site noticeboard for workers to quickly reference this information.

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Construction	<p>Consent condition: measures to be implemented to manage high noise generating works such as piling, in close proximity to the closest homes.</p> <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If high noise generating works are planned, neighbours should be notified of this before work starts.▪ If rock breaking activities are required, effective equipment should be chosen, and respite periods for local residents should be put in place. Rock breaking hours will be strictly limited to approved hours of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday to Friday▪ 2:00pm to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday▪ 9:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday.▪ For high noise generating works, if complaints are received, work will be managed to reduce the impact to local residents by implementing shorter time periods, or alternating with quieter work methods where practical.



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Frequently asked questions

Will street parking be impacted during construction?

There will be minimal impacts to street parking as there will be parking available on site for workers. The impact of our project on the local community is considered in our planning. We work with councils and the community to identify issues and put in place mitigation measures.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

The contractor will implement dust and noise control measures. Dust and noise are minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

Why has the planning approval for this project been fast tracked?

The new primary school for Catherine Field is among the second wave of projects with assessments fast-tracked. Having the SSD application fast tracked will mean the projects can get underway sooner and the overall construction pipeline can continue to grow.

Does this mean the usual checks and community consultation will be waived to fast track the projects?

The assessment process is being accelerated, not changed. The usual planning rules and policies will apply, and all projects will be assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Will the community still get to have a say on projects that are being fast-tracked?

All of the projects being fast tracked have completed the substantive planning work and are post the exhibition and community consultation phase. School Infrastructure NSW will continue to engage and inform the community throughout the project.

Due to the need to meet requirements under Public Health Orders, a range of digital engagement tools will be used to communicate with the community and stakeholders to seek any comment or feedback. This will include digital project updates, online sharing of information session material, the School Infrastructure NSW website, community information line and mailbox.

When will enrolments be accepted?

Information about enrolments for the new school will be available in the coming months. For general information on how to enrol in NSW public schools, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>.

Will there be any changes to surrounding school enrolment boundaries?

If changes to school catchment boundaries / enrolment areas are needed, the Department of Education would work closely with school staff and communities to inform them and help them plan for any boundary realignments.

How will parents be able to get involved in the project?

The NSW Department of Education is committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. There will be opportunities for parents to view plans for the school project and provide feedback as the project progresses.