



Artist impression of the new primary school in Catherine Field

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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 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 in Catherine Field 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 is designed to accommodate up to 1000 students from years K-6.

Progress summary

The construction of the school is underway with early works commencing earlier this month. 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.

Accelerated assessment

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for this project is being fast tracked by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. Once the SSD application is approved, the project can look at starting the main works construction.

Keeping you updated

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

For more information contact:

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Frequently asked questions

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

Three schools, including Catherine Field new primary school, are among the second wave of projects that will have their assessments fast tracked.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will make decisions on the SSD application for this project by 18 June 2020. This will mean the project 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. We will continue to engage and inform the community during 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 main works construction begin?

Main works construction will begin as soon as planning approval is received from Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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 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?

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

Will utility services be interrupted as part of construction?

SINSW co-ordinates upgrades or new supplies with local providers to minimise disruption. In the event that there will be any disruption to the local area, we will notify businesses and residents well in advance.

What will the construction hours be?

SINSW works with the local council and stakeholders to minimise the impact of construction works on the local community. This means we comply with the local council's standard working hours. Adherence to these guidelines is often a condition of development approval. Work hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday.

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.

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 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 were needed, the Department of Education will work closely with school staff and communities to inform them and help them plan for any boundary realignments.

Who can I contact about the work?

You can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

In an emergency, call triple zero (000).