



New primary school in Catherine Field

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. 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

Main construction works have begun and are progressing well with all DfMA school buildings now delivered and installed on site. This includes classrooms, library, and canteen.

Design for Manufacture Assembly (DfMA) building methods were used, including constructing school buildings offsite. This reduces the impact to local residents and saves time when compared to traditional builds.

Next Steps

Planned works over the coming months include:

- Installation of roof and ceilings within school buildings
- Construction of concrete walkways and stairs
- Installing and connecting services
- Internal finishes
- Building exteriors and landscaping.



Message from the Principal

It is an honour to be the foundation principal of the new primary school in Catherine Field. I look forward to welcoming everyone to our state-of-the-art facilities and forging strong partnerships with all members of the school community.

I am excited by the design of the school and the flexible learning environments that are being developed to facilitate innovative, high quality teaching and learning practices and provide the best possible educational opportunities for all students.

I welcome you to make contact and find out more about our school and the exciting opportunities which will be available for your children.

Chad Lindsay – Principal

Keeping you updated

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

For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Change in construction hours

In line with the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules while on construction sites by distributing building work across the week.

In line with this order, from Saturday 29 August weekend construction hours for this project will be Saturday and Sunday 7:00am to 6:00pm inclusive of Public Holidays. School Infrastructure NSW will ensure work is considerate of neighbours with noise kept to a minimum.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA)?

DfMA is a design and construction process combining off-site and on-site assembly to deliver infrastructure. This process allows better use of limited land supply and minimises impact to schools and local communities, as new permanent buildings and upgrades are delivered in shorter timeframes.

What are the benefits of DfMA?

- Time savings
- Minimises impact on school operations
- Improved health, safety & productivity
- Upskills the workforce
- Improved sustainability
- Opportunity to reduce cost.

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?

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels is managed in strict accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Dust is 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.

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 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).