

Chatswood High School

Building R completion



View of building R from Centennial Avenue

Welcome to your new learning spaces

We're excited that Building R is finished and ready for you to use.
Building R has delivered:



22 new permanent
teaching spaces



Support
unit



Soundhouse



Integrated Science
Technology Engineering
and Maths (iSTEM) facilities



Computer
labs



Staff
facilities

Thank you for your patience during construction. We are delighted to deliver this project for the Chatswood community and hope you enjoy your new spaces.

Project overview

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.

Building R is the first building that has been delivered as part of the upgrade to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School. The upgrade to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School will deliver:

- more than 150 new and refurbished learning and teaching spaces
- increased quality active play space currently allocated to both schools
- specialist teaching facilities such as maths, science and visual art rooms
- dedicated performing arts spaces and music rooms at the high school
- new sports facilities and recreational areas
- new libraries and administration facilities
- maker spaces.

About Building R



The project business case was submitted in mid 2018



4 floors and 3,500 sqm of floor space



22 classrooms including 4 support classrooms



17.2m tall



385 tonnes of steel



4,400 m³ of concrete



Over 90% construction waste materials recycled



70 steps across all four levels



1 lift



360 windows



508 construction days



Over 90,000 construction hours

Message from your principal

It is with great excitement that we begin a new chapter in our school's history with the opening of the first of four new buildings and refurbishments at Chatswood High School, Building R.

Each of our new buildings has been purposefully designed to complement our current teaching and learning strategies and I am confident that students and staff will make full use of Building R's new modern and flexible learning spaces.

I extend my gratitude to our staff, students and parents who have been involved in helping achieve this milestone and thank the school community for your patience while construction continues on the three remaining new buildings, S, T and Q, and refurbishments. I am certain you will be pleased with the outcome.

Evelyn Manson
Relieving Principal

Building R

Building R, located to the north of the Chatswood High School oval, was built as complying development, separate to the state significant main works, to provide additional and specialist student accommodation during the school upgrade.

What's on each level?

Lower Ground Floor: General learning spaces, store rooms and amenities

Ground Level: Support unit including four dedicated specialist support classrooms and facilities with accessibility from the new Oliver Road pick-up and drop-off

Level 1: iSTEM, computer labs, general learning spaces, staff facilities and amenities

Level 2: General learning spaces, music classrooms and soundhouse, staff facilities and amenities

Additional temporary staff spaces will be included on levels 1 and 2 while construction continues at Chatswood High School.

Design features

Building R was designed to integrate into the existing tree scape and retain the character of the local area. The building itself has several sustainable features including ventilation control measures, and rainwater tanks. With no glazing on the western façade and windows on the northern and southern aspects, the design purposefully minimises heat absorption in summer while capturing the northern sun in winter.

The building has also been designed inclusively to allow for ease of access to the different learning spaces with lifts and ramps throughout.

Access

While main works are continuing, access to Building R will be via the Centennial Avenue stairs, Oliver Road and Eddy Road. Access for the support unit will be provided from the new pick-up and drop-off area at Oliver Road.

Flexible learning spaces

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

- are 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.

Tours

We will invite families to tour the new building once Public Health Orders permit us to welcome parents and carers back on school grounds.



A new specialist support classroom



A new flexible learning space

Frequently asked questions

What facilities does Building R include?

In addition to general learning spaces, Building R will be used for iSTEM, computers, the soundhouse and support unit.

When will the main works construction be finished?

The upgrade to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School is on track for completion in late 2023.

What construction is underway?

Construction is in progress on Building S, and site establishment activities are underway for new Buildings T and Q. Site establishment includes the installation of hoarding and demolition of Buildings A, B, I and F.

What year groups will use the new facilities?

Years 7 to 12.

When will the temporary classrooms be removed from the high school sports court and around Building R?

The temporary classrooms will start to be removed from the sports court and around Building R following completion of the new Building S and subject to student enrolment numbers forecasted in late 2022.

Will the Bush Campus use the new Building R facilities?

No, the new facilities are for Chatswood High School use only.

When will the support unit's sensory garden be completed?

The timing of the support unit's sensory garden schedule of works is being reviewed with the school.

What outdoor space will be available for Chatswood High School students in 2022?

From Day 1 Term 1 2022, Chatswood High School students will have access to the new sports court and meadow area to the north of Building R, oval, table tennis, hand ball courts and the school hall. A shared used arrangement will also be in place with Chatswood Public School which will give high school students access to the new public school sports court. The new public school sports court will be finished by Day 1 Term 1 2022 and includes one full basketball court and two half courts.

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