Investing in our schools
The NSW Government is investing $6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver 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.

Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School will deliver:
- more than 150 new and refurbished innovative learning and teaching spaces
- increased quality active play space for both schools
- specialist teaching facilities such as science, art, and music rooms
- dedicated performing arts spaces
- new sports facilities and recreational areas
- new libraries and administration facilities.

Progress summary
- The fire damaged cottage (Block C) at the Public School was removed and new demountables were installed in its place.
- The Public School soft fall repair was completed in December 2019 and reopened in late Term 4.
- Demountables were installed at the High School for Public School and High School use.
- Minor refurbishment of existing Public School and High School buildings is ongoing with internal paintwork at the Public School to be completed in coming weeks.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) meeting was held with key stakeholders.

Next steps
- Finalise the State Significant Development (SSD) application expected to be lodged in March 2020.
- Prepare the Complying Development application for Building R, anticipated for late-2020. Building R is a new four-storey building located on the north east corner of Chatswood High School.

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we upgrade the schools. We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.
Frequently asked questions

What design will you submit for the SSD application?
The design that will be submitted retains the Public School on the Pacific Highway and the High School on Centennial Avenue. This concept was presented to the community at information sessions in October 2019.

When will the application be submitted?
It is expected the SSD application will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in March 2020.

How will I know it was submitted?
Following submission, DPIE will notify surrounding residents in writing, place advertisements in newspapers and upload the application to the major projects website.

The Department of Education will organise information booths in the local area, distribute notifications to school communities, staff and residents, and door knock immediate neighbours.

How long is the exhibition period?
SSD applications are placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. There will be an opportunity to provide comment during that time.

Where can I view the detailed plans?
Once on exhibition, detailed plans will be available on DPIE's major project's website: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10561

How is the application determined?
DPIE reviews the SSD application to enable consideration of both local and state specific issues. The Minister for Planning or their delegate is the consent authority.


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