

Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School

Project update and Term 1 holiday works

April 2021

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

We are upgrading Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School with new and improved education facilities to support the student community.

Project update

We are pleased to inform the community that the installation of temporary classrooms at Chatswood High School for 2021 is complete.

The Building R lower ground floor and ground floor concrete slabs have been poured and scaffolding and structural work has begun. Over the coming weeks, the community will see significant progress as the building structure takes form.

We are continuing to prepare for the start of the main works construction. This includes finalising the pre-construction reporting requirements and the construction management plans. We will notify you when this information is available on our website.

The Department anticipates the main works construction contract will be awarded in April, 2021.

Holiday works

- Continuing the construction of Building R to the north of the High School oval including completing the concrete structure works.
- Completing the fit out of the final temporary classrooms at the High School and relocating teaching materials for use from Day 1 Term 2.
- Removing the temporary fencing from the oval.
- Installing a black palisade fence at Chatswood High School along the Centennial Avenue boundary.
- Removing existing and unoccupied temporary demountable classrooms from within the future

High School 'Building S' work zone before main works construction starts (see Map 1 overleaf). Removal will be via the De Villiers Avenue driveway.

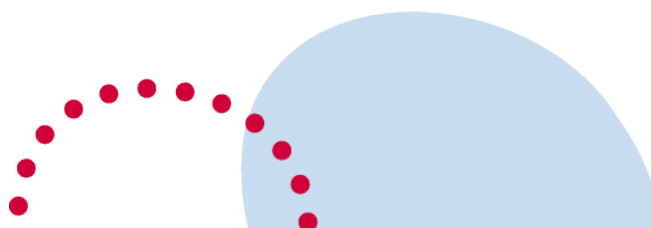
Term 2 works

Site establishment activities to prepare for main works construction will start in Term 2:

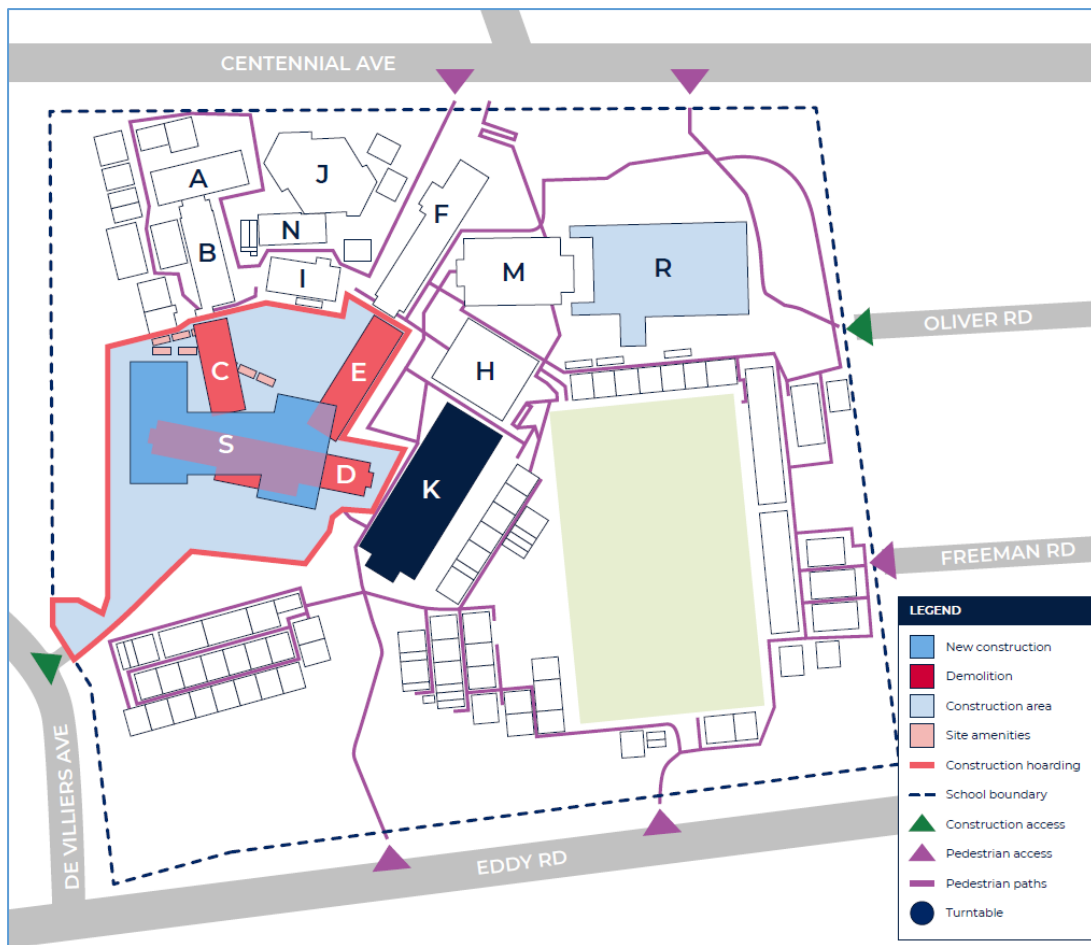
- Installing construction hoarding around existing buildings C, D and E prior to their demolition (see Map 1 overleaf) to prevent public access to the Building S work zone. The De Villiers Avenue vehicle entrance will be closed to the public and converted to construction vehicle access only. The Eddy Road vehicle entrance will remain open.
- Installing construction hoarding around the Public School Lower, Astroturf, Building I and existing staff car park (see Map 2 overleaf). This will establish the construction work zone for new Buildings P1, P2, the sports court and car park. The Pacific Highway and Jenkins Street vehicle entrances will be closed to the public and converted to construction vehicle access only. There will be no vehicle entrances available for community use once construction starts. All pedestrian gates will be unaffected. A turntable will be constructed within the existing car park off the Pacific Highway to allow construction vehicles to turn and exit safely and in a forward direction.

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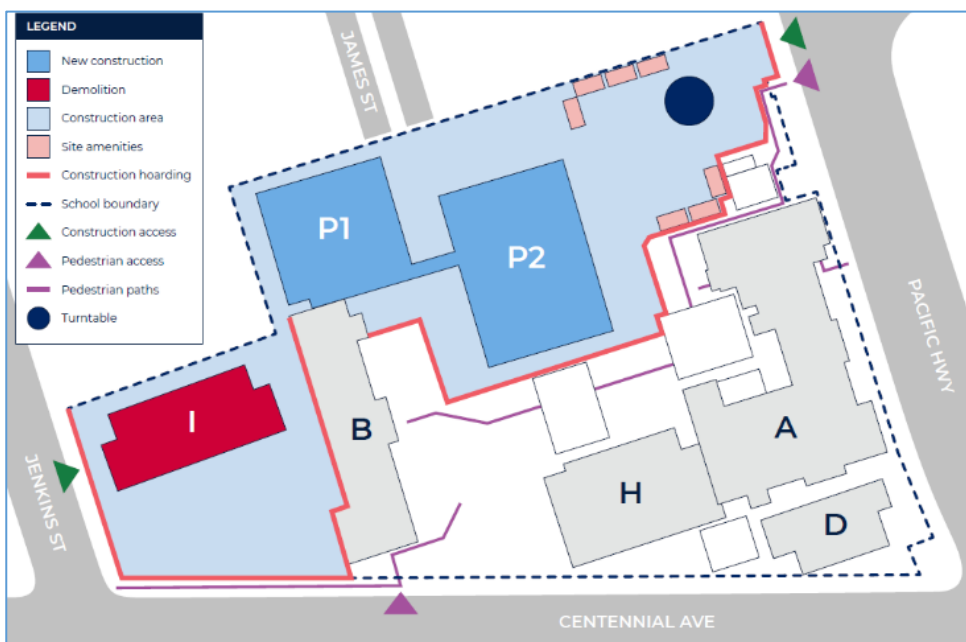
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Map 1 – Chatswood High School site



Map 2 – Chatswood Public School site



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Frequently asked questions

What are the construction working hours?

All work onsite will be completed from Monday to Saturday, 7:00am and 6:00pm in line with the current NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days Order 2020). This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules during the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing work across the week. Work may also be completed between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm on Sundays as needed. There will be no work on Public Holidays without prior notification.

What safety measures will be in place?

School Infrastructure NSW is committed to ensuring that work is completed safely and efficiently and with minimal impact to the local community.

Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the works. This will include fencing off the construction area and installing surveillance systems. There will be no access to the construction area by staff or students.

The project team regularly consults with each school to discuss construction progress. The Department undertakes regular independent Work Health and Safety (WHS) and Quality Assurance audits in addition to the Contractor having WHS focused personnel on site. All safety concerns will be addressed. The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and neighbours is our highest priority.

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

Noise levels on site will be managed in accordance with the noise control guidelines that are outlined in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works.

Noise will be kept to a minimum as best as possible during the construction period. We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.

Dust as a result of demolition and construction works will be hosed down as required.

How will the construction impact traffic and parking?

A Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan is being prepared to outline measures to be taken to ensure public safety. The plan will be made available on our website prior to construction starting and includes, for example, construction vehicle movements, potential amendments to existing street signage and traffic control procedures.

Disruption to the local community will be minimised by a number of mitigation strategies, including:

- Construction workers will be encouraged to use the Chatswood Interchange to access the site.
- Movement of construction materials will take place where possible within the site boundary.
- Traffic controllers will be in place where required.

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