

Chatswood High School

Building R Opening Day 1 Term 1 2022



Flexible learning space in Building R

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.

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

Building R

Building R, located to the north of the Chatswood High School oval, will be open and ready for Chatswood High School students from Day 1 Term 1 2022.

This new building was built as complying development, separate to the state significant main works, to provide additional and specialist student accommodation during the school upgrade.

The Department of Education is delighted to deliver this new building to the Chatswood High School community and it will be the first of several new buildings across the school.

What's on each level?

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

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

Level 1: Integrated science, technology, engineering and maths (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 with ramps and lifts throughout to allow for ease of access and a dedicated area has been constructed on the ground floor for the Support Unit.

Access

While main works are continuing, access to building R will be via the Centennial Avenue stairs, Oliver Road and Eddy Road. Access to the Support Unit will be provided from the new pick up and drop off area at Oliver Road.

Flexible learning spaces

Building R's learning spaces have been designed to incorporate flexibility with movable furniture and adaptable room configurations.

The building has wireless access provided and learning spaces are technology-enabled to serve multiple learning contexts from large class groups to small clusters. This will provide better opportunities for collaboration and personalised learning.

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.

Frequently asked questions

What will building R be used for?

In addition to general learning spaces, building R will be used for iSTEM and computers, the Soundhouse and Support Unit.

When will the main works construction be completed?

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

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 for 2022.

Will the Bush Campus use the new building R facilities?

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

How will the public access the high school oval during the summer break?

During the summer break, public access to the oval will be via Eddy Road, Oliver Road and the Centennial Avenue stairs.

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, handball courts, and 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 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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