

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is upgrading Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School.

Benefits:



More than **150** new and refurbished learning and teaching spaces from Kindergarten to Year 12



Increased quality active play space currently allocated to both schools



Specialist teaching facilities such as maths, science, art, and music rooms



Dedicated performing arts spaces at the high school



New sports facilities and recreational areas



New libraries and administration facilities



Artist impression of Chatswood Public School. Looking west at Building P1 from Building G (new hall) with landscape concept.

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Addressing capacity at Chatswood Public School

Chatswood continues to experience significant residential growth placing increased enrolment pressure on both schools, and in particular Chatswood Public School.

- The upgrade will accommodate current Public School enrolment numbers in 53 learning spaces.
- The Bush Campus at Chatswood High School will be retained for use by the Public School for as long as required.
- The Department is pleased to confirm that separate to this development application, planning is underway for a new primary school in the Chatswood area.
- A catchment-wide strategy has been developed with planned adjustments to the boundaries of surrounding schools, including the Lindfield Learning Village.



Artist impression of the Chatswood Public School central play space. Looking north towards Buildings P1 and P2.

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Environmental assessment

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was lodged with the SSD application.

Some of the technical studies undertaken for the EIS include:

- Social Impact Analysis
- Design Analysis
- Traffic and Transport
- Noise and Vibration
- Heritage
- Aboriginal Assessment
- Preliminary Construction Management
- Hydraulic
- Contamination
- Building Code of Australia Compliance
- Waste Management
- Flora and Fauna



Artist impression of the Chatswood High School central outdoor space. Looking south towards Building S.

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Community consultation

Early consultation provided clarity about the matters of importance and feedback was shared with the design team.

Several improvements to an original proposal resulted in an updated concept plan retaining Chatswood Public School on the Pacific Highway and Chatswood High School on Centennial Avenue.

Consultation was supported through the distribution of project updates and responses to telephone calls and emails.

Date/s	Consultation activity	Targeted stakeholders
August 2018 – October 2019	11 Community Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chatswood Public School communityChatswood High School, Public School and Intensive English Centre (IEC) staffNeighbours / residents
December 2018 – December 2019	School community engagement – 10 rounds of Design User Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chatswood High School and Public School staff and students
March 2019	Site visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Aboriginal Land Council
May 2019 – January 2020	School community engagement – 4 school tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chatswood Public School and High School Principals and P&C Presidents (Tours of North Kellyville Public School, Bella Vista Public School, Cammeraygal High School, Smalls Road Public School)
May 2019	School community engagement – Chatswood IEC Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chatswood High School and St Ives High School Principals and the Chatswood IEC
October 2019	School community engagement – Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chatswood Public School P&C
November 2019	School community engagement – Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chatswood Public School P&C
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Chatswood Public School upgrade

The design considers the needs of the community, complexities of the site, area’s distinctive character and surrounding properties.

Two multi-storey buildings (P1 and P2) are positioned on the “Lowers” to maximise the gradient of the land and reduce their overall bulk and scale.

The hall is on the Pacific Highway to allow ease of accessibility for community users.

Emergency access and a loading bay will be provided off the Pacific Highway and a new staff parking facility and second loading bay will be off Jenkins Street.



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Chatswood Public School neighbourhood views



Artist impression of the proposed Chatswood Public School entrance from the Pacific Highway.

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Chatswood High School upgrade

Buildings Q, R, S and T are positioned on the northern and western boundaries to maximise the use of available land, minimise impacts to neighbouring properties and deliver improved access through the campus.

Generous boundary setbacks respect existing biodiversity zones, native birdlife and privacy of immediate neighbours.

The new hall (Building T) is near the Centennial Avenue entrance to enable access for community users.

Vehicle access points will remain the same following completion of construction works and the onsite staff carpark will be reinstated.

Building R will be lodged separately to the SSD application under complying development in late 2020 and is central to the staged delivery of the project.

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SSD works: Buildings Q, S and T

Refurbishment works: Buildings H, J, K, and M

Complying Development: Building R



Site map description

Building Q

- 4 storey building
- General Learning Areas
- Canteen
- Administration / Staff Study
- Visual Arts
- Senior Library Facilities

Building S

- 5 storey building
- Science
- CAPA
- General Learning Areas

Building T

- 2 storey height building
- Hall
- Performance

Building R (Complying Development)

- 4 storey building
- Support Unit
- iStem

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Chatswood High School neighbourhood views



Artist impression of the proposed Chatswood High School entrance from Centennial Avenue.

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Indicative project staging and construction

The staging plan will be finalised upon appointment of the lead contractor and following further community consultation.

Stage 1

- Commence construction of Building R on the north east corner of Chatswood High School
- Detailed design planning for all upgrade works

Stage 2

- Commence construction of SSD works on both sites, pending SSD approval

Stage 3

- Repurpose and refurbish existing buildings as required
- Complete external landscape works

Construction of Building R under complying development is anticipated to start in 2020 with remaining SSD works commencing in 2021, should consent be granted. The expected completion date is late 2023.

The Department of Education will provide regular updates during construction to keep you informed of upcoming works and potential construction impacts.

A construction environmental management plan will consider construction hours, parking, noise and dust management, traffic, and safety.



Artist impression of an outdoor learning space at Chatswood High School.

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Complying development work for Building R

In late 2020, construction of Building R will commence as complying development, separate from the SSD application. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment defines complying development as a planning pathway that combines planning and construction approval for straightforward development that can be determined through a fast-track assessment by a council or an accredited certifier.

Building R meets the complying development criteria for location, height, area, use and construction value and the site has no permanent structures requiring demolition. Building R will facilitate the staged delivery of the project by providing 18 new permanent classrooms and 4 support permanent classrooms, ahead of the work on other parts of the school.

An accredited certifier will review the plans for the building and the construction process. A Complying Development Certificate is issued subject to conditions of approval and prior to construction works commencing.



Artist impression of Building R at Chatswood High School.

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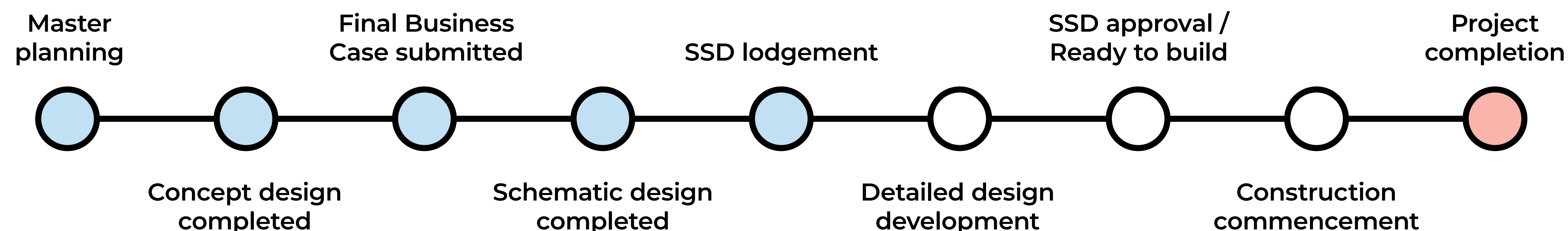
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Project process and timeline

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) is responsible for managing the approval for this project because it is a State Significant Development (SSD).

The Minister for Planning or their delegate is the consent authority.

We are here



Next steps

The State Significant Development application has been submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and is now on public exhibition.

Submissions are to be made **directly to DPIE** by post or online during the 28 day exhibition period.

Have your say

Post

Planning Services, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Online

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say>

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