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

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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.
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.

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| August 2018 – October 2019 | 11 Community Information Sessions                         | • Chatswood Public School community  
• Chatswood High School, Public School and Intensive English Centre (IEC) staff  
• Neighbours / residents |
| December 2018 – December 2019 | School community engagement – 10 rounds of Design User Groups | • Chatswood High School and Public School staff and students |
| March 2019                | Site visit                                                | • Local Aboriginal Land Council                                                      |
| May 2019 – January 2020   | School community engagement – 4 school tours              | • Chatswood Public School and High School Principals and P&C Presidents (Tours of North Kellyville Public School, Bella Vista Public School, Cammeraygal High School, Small Road Public School) |
| May 2019                  | School community engagement – Chatswood IEC Workshop      | • Chatswood High School and St Ives High School Principals and the Chatswood IEC     |
| October 2019              | School community engagement – Meeting                     | • Chatswood Public School P&C                                                       |
| November 2019             | School community engagement – Workshop                    | • 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.

Site map description

Building P1
- 6 storey building
- General Learning Areas
- Support Unit
- 2 levels of COLA

Building P2
- 4 storey building
- General Learning Areas
- Library
- Canteen
- COLA
- Rooftop play space

Building G
- 2 storey height building
- Hall
- Out of School Hours Care

Onsite carpark
- Access from Jenkins Street
- Sports court above
- Support Unit parking
- Staff parking

Site landscaping
- Graded play space
- Rooftop play space
- COLA
- Site access pathways

KEY
SSD works: Buildings P1, P2, G and Car Park
Refurbishment works: Building A

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Chatswood Public School
neighbourhood views

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

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

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

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Planning Services, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Online

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