



Artist impression of the facilities we are building across NSW

Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School

Project update

June 2021

Investing in our schools

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.

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

Progress summary

Building R, located to the north of the high school oval, has been topped out. This means the last concrete slab has been poured and construction of the steel roof structure will start soon.

Site establishment activities have started at both schools. Hoarding has been installed to establish safe construction work zones around the Chatswood Public School lowers, astroturf, building I and existing staff car park and Chatswood High School buildings C, D and E.

Three information sessions were held in early June for the school communities in advance of site establishment works starting. These sessions were an opportunity for parents, carers and staff to learn more about the upcoming works and operational impacts.

At Chatswood Public School, the Pacific Highway and Jenkins Street vehicle entrances have been closed to the public and converted to construction vehicle access only. The Pacific Highway entrance will have a turntable to allow construction vehicles to turn and exit safely and in a forward direction.

At Chatswood High School, the De Villiers Road vehicle entrance has been closed to the public and converted to construction access only.

Staff and construction workers at both schools are encouraged to use alternative and sustainable means of transport to and from work now that the staff car parks have closed. This includes train, metro, bus, taxi/uber, car share, carpooling, cycling or walking.

There will be more construction traffic on local roads as the upgrade progresses. At times there will also be changed traffic conditions. Take extra care and be truck aware.

Next steps

The Chatswood Public School principal will continue to review and optimise the existing playground space on the main Pacific Highway campus to support student wellbeing.

Site establishment activities are ongoing including the installation of site amenities, removal of trees and demolition of buildings at both schools.

Building R continues with the roof structure, façade works and windows installation.

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Frequently asked questions

Where can we access the construction compliance reports?

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment require the project team to make publicly available construction compliance reports in accordance with the development consent conditions. The reports have been uploaded to the School Infrastructure NSW project website and can be viewed here: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/c/chatswood-public-school-chatswood-high-school-upgrades.html#category-reports>.

What are the construction hours?

Construction work hours have changed. The NSW Government has recently passed legislation to allow construction hours to be extended outside of those specified in the development consent conditions (Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Construction Work Days) Order (No 2) 2021). The Order is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of members of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Work hours will be 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm Saturday and 9:00am to 5:00pm Sunday. Work completed on a Sunday is restricted to certain activities and equipment to minimise noise and impact to the community. No work will occur on public holidays.

How will traffic and parking be managed?

A Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan has been prepared to outline measures to be taken to ensure public safety.

The plan includes 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 materials will take place where possible within the site boundary.
- Trucks will enter and exit the site in a forward motion. At the public school, a turntable will be built within the construction site for trucks to turn around.
- Traffic controllers will be in place where required.

What will you do to minimise noise and dust during construction?

The project team consult regularly with the school principals to discuss upcoming works.

Noise levels on site will be managed in accordance with the noise control guidelines that are outlined in the Environmental Protection Authority's (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 are the construction zones and school grounds separated?

The construction sites have separate entrances for workers and vehicles. Hoarding has been installed around work zones to prevent public access to each site.

All contractors and sub-contractors are required to have the appropriate declaration checks in place and be inducted on to site prior to starting.

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