



## Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School

Project update

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### 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.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Upgrades 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 art rooms
- dedicated performing arts spaces and music rooms at the high school
- new sports facilities and recreational areas
- new libraries and administration facilities.

### Progress summary

The construction staging plan was announced in October 2020 and a virtual community information session was held in late October to communicate the detailed staging information. The staging plans can be viewed on the School Infrastructure NSW project website: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/c/chatswood-public-school-chatswood-highschool-upgrades.html>.

Demountables have started being installed on the High School staff car park, cricket nets, sports courts and near the Bush Campus. These areas, as well as the south-west corner of the oval, have been fenced off to allow demountable works to continue safely and efficiently. Use of the full field and one basketball court will be available again in Term 1 2021.

Following consultation with an ecologist, an application has been approved by Willoughby Council to remove two small black wattle trees located to the south of the existing Bush Campus. The removal will allow for the installation of demountables nearby.

From 1 December 2020, our contractor, Richard Crookes Construction, will prepare for the construction of Building R. Building R is to the north of the High School oval and is being built separately as a complying development.

### Next steps

- Detailed design consultation is continuing with staff and students at both schools.
- Installation of demountables on the High School cricket nets, sports court, staff car park and near the Bush Campus will continue throughout Term 4 2020 and the summer holidays.
- Construction of the new Building R will start in late 2020 following receipt of the complying development certificate.
- Construction of the main works will not start until the outcome of the State Significant Development application is known.

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## Frequently asked questions

### What are the construction working hours?

Work 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. There will be no work on Sundays or Public Holidays without prior notification.

### What will the Building R works involve?

Building R site establishment works to prepare the area for the construction will include:

- installation of site fencing, hoarding, shade cloth and signage
- set up of temporary construction access off Oliver Road and on-site delivery areas
- delivery of equipment and materials
- installation of temporary site offices, work sheds and amenities
- installation of environmental impact mitigation measures.

Once the site has been established, initial construction activities will include demolition of existing structures, inground excavation and earthworks.

### How will noise and dust be managed?

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 students and the community access the Bush Campus and oval?

From mid-December 2020, construction will start on a walkway bridge over the Oliver Road entrance. The bridge will provide Public School students and staff with safe and continued access to the Bush Campus from the Centennial Avenue stairs entrance.

From late November 2020, the Bush Campus will also be accessible from Freeman Road.

The Eddy Road entrance will continue to provide access to the Bush Campus for Public School students and to the oval for the community.

While Building R works are underway, Oliver Road will be used for construction access.

### How will you ensure public safety during construction?

The Department of Education 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 will regularly consult with the school to discuss construction progress. All safety concerns will be addressed. The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and the community is our highest priority.

### How will traffic and parking be managed?

The Department of Education is aware of existing traffic congestion on Centennial Avenue and surrounding streets during peak times.

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.
- Construction workers will avoid entering and exiting the site during peak pick up and drop off times.
- Movement of materials will take place where possible within the site boundary.
- Contractor deliveries will be scheduled outside of peak pick up and drop times.
- Traffic controllers will be in place where required.