

# Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School

Information pack

October 2020



Artist impression of Chatswood High School. Looking north-west through Building Q

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion to deliver more than 190 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.

The upgrades 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**



# Project overview

The Department of Education is upgrading Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School.

With a growing reputation for educational excellence, both schools have seen significant enrolment growth exceeding predicted current and future capacity, with resulting pressure on available space and facilities at each school. Across the two schools, the upgrades will support high-quality educational outcomes to meet the needs of students within the local community.

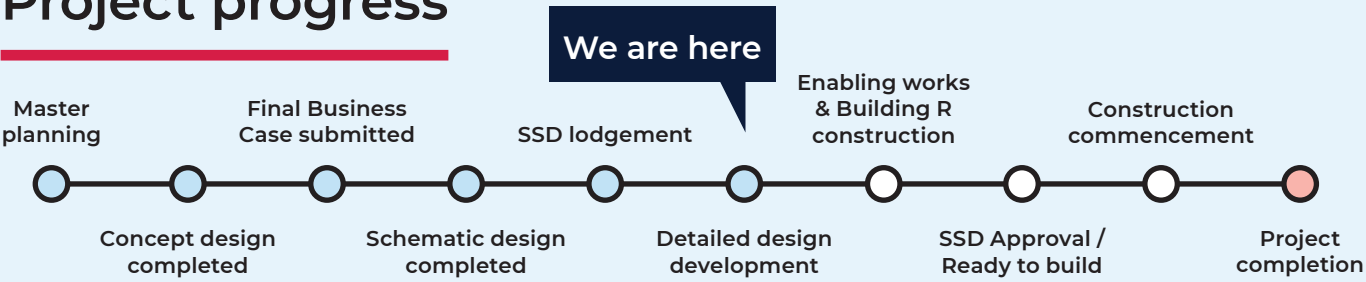
The State Significant Development (SSD) application for this redevelopment was lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in March 2020.

The project team is awaiting determination and anticipate an outcome in early 2021. Separate to these main works, a new building (Building R) at Chatswood High School will be built as complying development to support the staged delivery of the upgrades and minimise impacts to school operations.

Richard Crookes Construction has been awarded the design and construction contract to complete the design of the new facilities and construct Building R.

The anticipated project completion date is the end of 2023.

# Project progress



# Proposed design

The proposed designs for Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School best reflect the needs of the school and local communities. Buildings have been positioned to maximise opportunities for active and passive play, improve accessibility and connections throughout each school and preserve heritage aspects, trees and birdlife.

## Chatswood Public School

**KEY**

**SSD works:**  
Buildings P1, P2, G and car park

**Refurbishment works:**  
Building A



### School map description

Building P1	Building P2	Building G	Onsite car park	Landscaping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7 storey building</li><li>General learning areas</li><li>Support unit</li><li>2 levels of covered outdoor learning area (COLA)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 storey building</li><li>General learning areas</li><li>Library</li><li>Canteen</li><li>COLA</li><li>Rooftop play spaces</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 storey height building</li><li>Hall</li><li>Out of School Hours Care</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Access from Jenkins Street</li><li>Sports court above</li><li>Support unit parking</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Graded play spaces</li><li>Rooftop play spaces</li><li>COLA</li><li>Site access pathways</li></ul>

## Chatswood High School

The site plan shows a cluster of buildings labeled Building H, Building J, Building K, Building M, Building Q, Building R, Building S, and Building T. A large sports field is located to the right of the buildings. The plan includes landscaping, trees, and a central outdoor space.

**KEY**

**SSD works:** Buildings Q, S and T

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

**Complying Development:** Building R

### School map description

Building Q	Building S	Building T	Building R (Complying Development)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 storey building</li><li>General learning areas</li><li>Canteen</li><li>Administration / Staff Study</li><li>Visual Arts</li><li>Senior Library Facilities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5 storey building</li><li>Science</li><li>Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)</li><li>General learning areas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 storey height building</li><li>Hall</li><li>Performance spaces</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 storey building</li><li>Support unit</li><li>Integrated Science Technology Engineering and Maths (iSTEM)</li></ul>





# Staged delivery

The project team has developed a proposed staging plan in consultation with the school principals and construction contractor. The proposed plan minimises disruption, priorities safety and amenity, and maximises outdoor play space for students. Further information about the changes for each year group will be provided by each school towards the end of Term 4.

### Chatswood Public School

Chatswood Public School is currently in a campus configuration with Years K-2 and Years 5-6 located on the Pacific Highway campus, and Years 3 and 4 on the 'Bush Campus' on the grounds of Chatswood High School.

During construction, Chatswood Public School will continue to operate across both the Pacific Highway and Bush Campus, with the number of students located at the Bush Campus temporarily increasing.

From Day 1 Term 1 2021, Years 3-6 will be located on the Pacific Highway Campus, and Years K-2 and the Multi-Categorical Support Unit will be located on the Bush Campus.

### Chatswood High School

Chatswood High School students will be accommodated at the High School in a combination of demountable classrooms and existing buildings until project completion. The location of the High School demountables is shown in the maps overleaf.

### Access changes

While construction is underway, some access points will change:

- The High School staff car park off De Villiers Avenue will be unavailable until late 2022
- The existing stairs from Centennial Avenue to the Bush Campus and oval will be altered to include a temporary walkway. The walkway will create a bridge over the Oliver Road entrance to provide safe and continued access to the Bush Campus and oval while trucks are moving to and from the Building R construction zone.
- While the walkway bridge over the Oliver Road entrance is being constructed, the Bush Campus will be accessible from Freeman Road and at times Eddy Road, and community access to the oval will be from Eddy Road
- The Oliver Road school entry will be unavailable from late 2020 until late 2021.

### Operational impacts

- Outside of school hours care will be relocated to classrooms, more information will be provided to families in Term 4 2020
- School pick up and drop off locations may change following advice from the principals
- High School construction access will be from Oliver Road, De Villiers Avenue and Centennial Avenue outside of school peak pick up and drop off times. Eddy Road will also be used during the installation of demountables
- Public School construction access will be from the Pacific Highway and Jenkins Street

- Traffic conditions will change at specific times due to the nature of the work. Traffic controllers will be in place where required.
- Sections of the High School oval will be unavailable for use on specified crane use days until early 2021. Council and the school communities will be notified in advance when the oval will be unavailable.

## Staging activities schedule

Staging activities from late 2020 through to project completion include:

1. Enabling works (to prepare the sites for construction)
2. Construction works.

Enabling works started in the October school holidays and will continue until early 2021. Construction of the new Building R at Chatswood High School is scheduled to start in late 2020, pending receipt of the complying development certificate. Construction will not start on the main works until the outcome of the State Significant Development application is known.

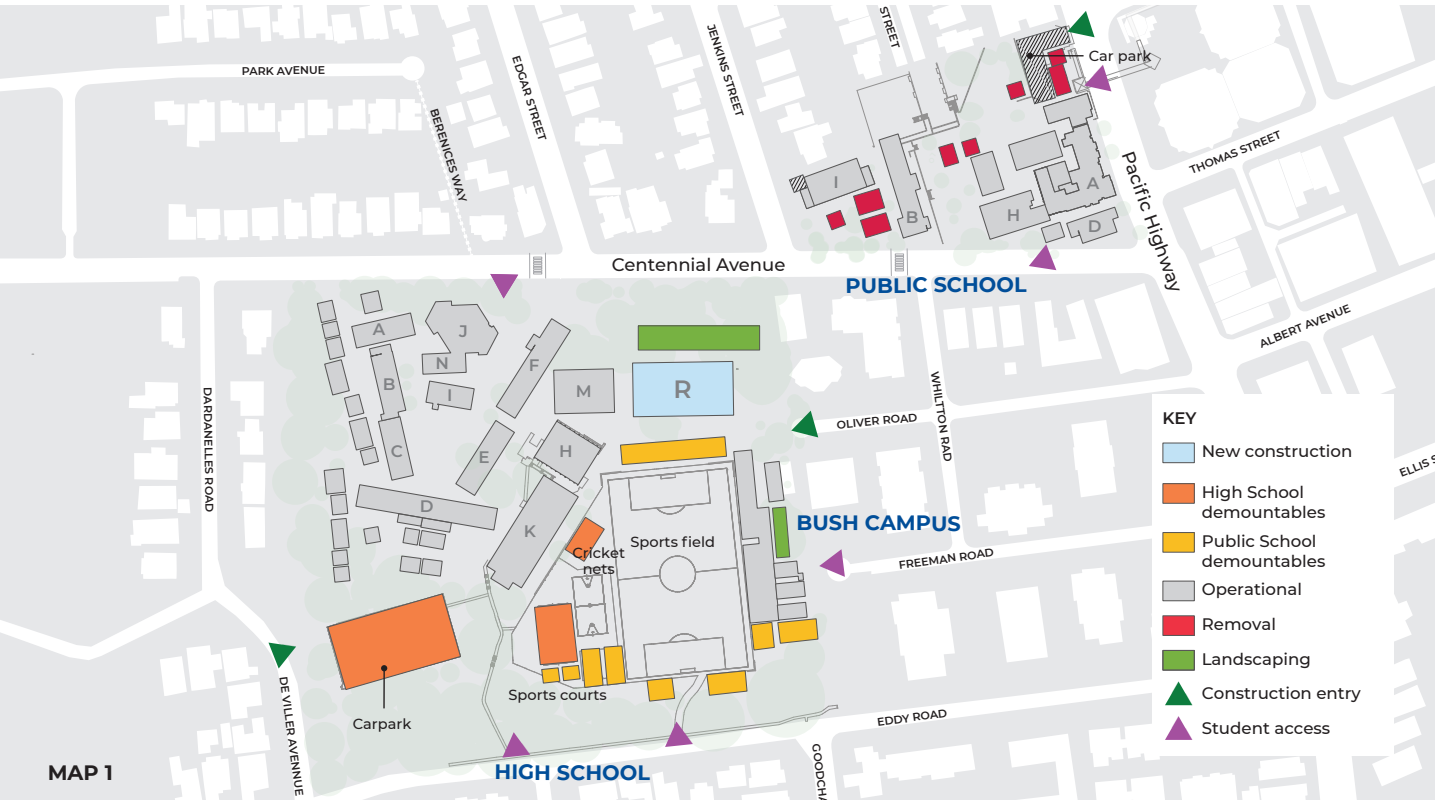
### October 2020 to early 2021 (see Map 1)

#### Chatswood High School

- Installation of demountables on the High School staff car park, sports courts, cricket nets and near the Bush Campus for Public School and High School use during Term 4 2020
- Minor landscaping to the north of the future Building R compound and to the east of the Bush Campus during Term 4 2020
- Site investigations including geotech drilling and hazardous materials testing started during the Term 3 holidays and will continue outside of school hours in Term 4 2020
- Teaching materials in Buildings C, D and E will be relocated into the newly installed demountables on the car park, sports court and cricket nets during Term 4 2020 and over the 20/21 summer break
- Commence construction of Building R.

#### Chatswood Public School

- Site investigations including geotech drilling and hazardous materials testing started during the Term 3 holidays and will continue outside of school hours in Term 4 2020
- Teaching materials in the existing Public School demountables will be relocated into the newly installed demountables near the Bush Campus in early 2021
- Removal of demountable classrooms from the Pacific Highway in early 2021.



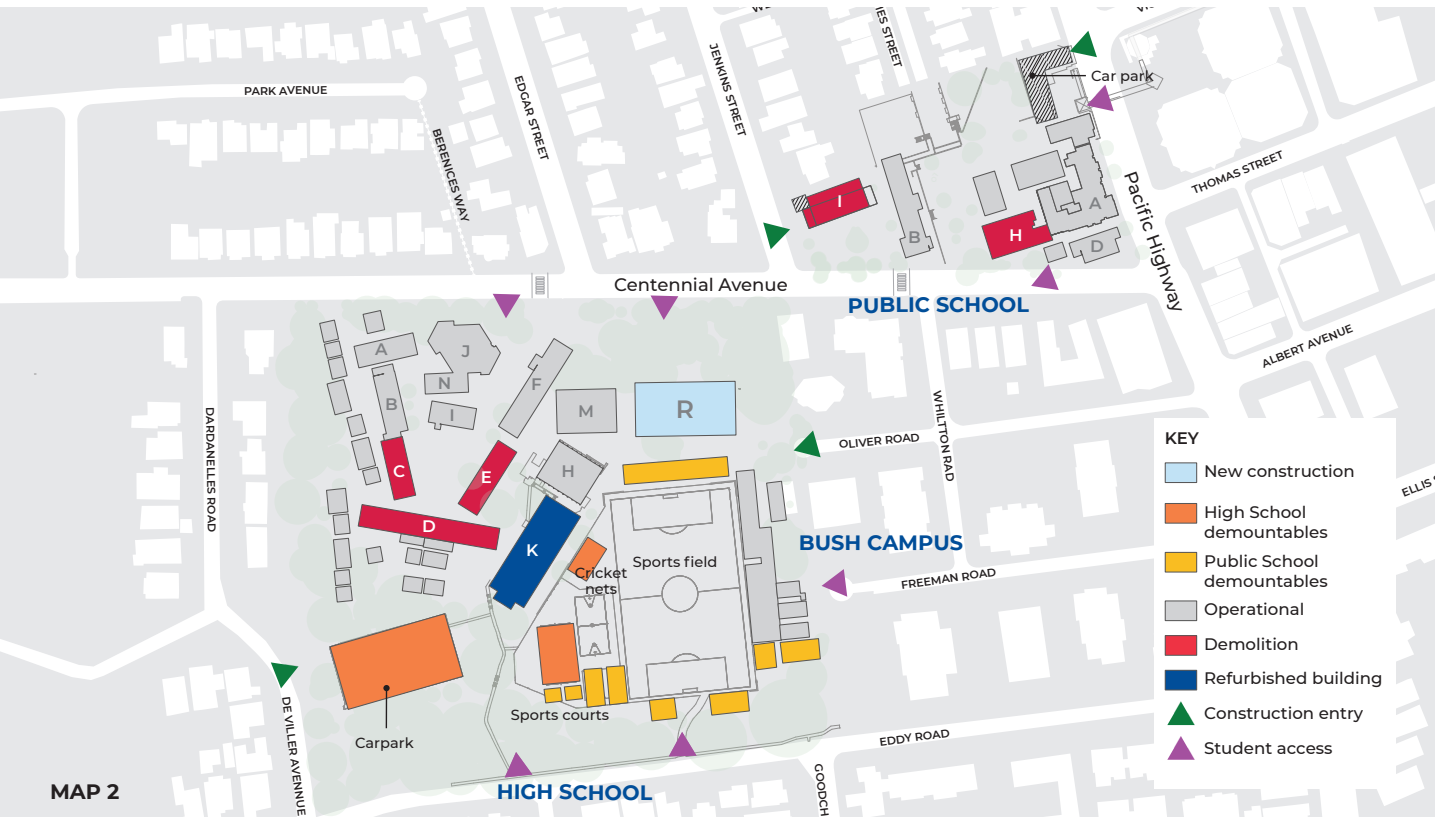
### Early 2021 to mid 2021

#### Chatswood Public School

- Demolition of Buildings H and I

#### Chatswood High School

- Refurbishment of Building K
- Demolition of Buildings C, D and E
- Ongoing construction of Building R



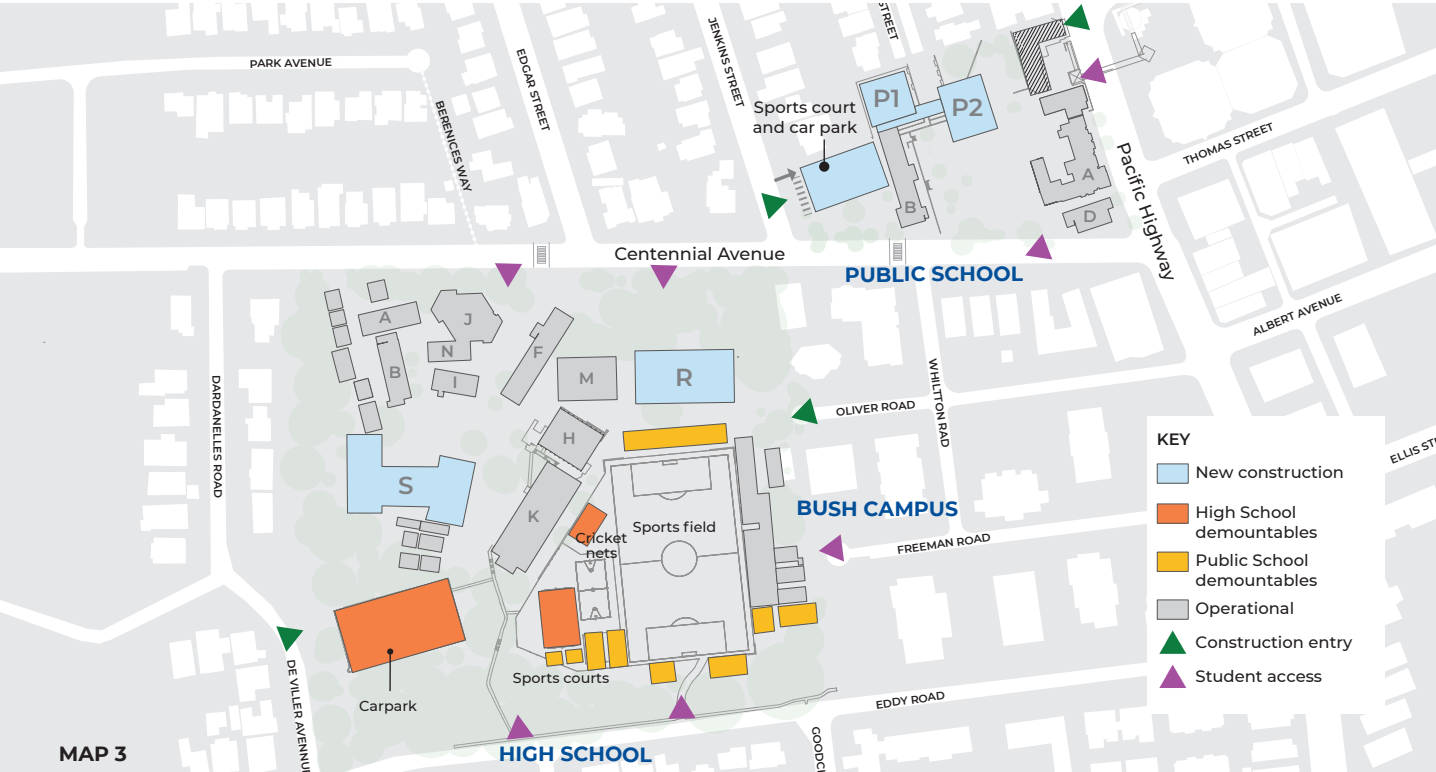
Mid 2021 to late 2021

Chatswood Public School

- Commence construction of Buildings P1, P2, car park and sports court

Chatswood High School

- Commence construction of Building S
- Ongoing construction of Building R



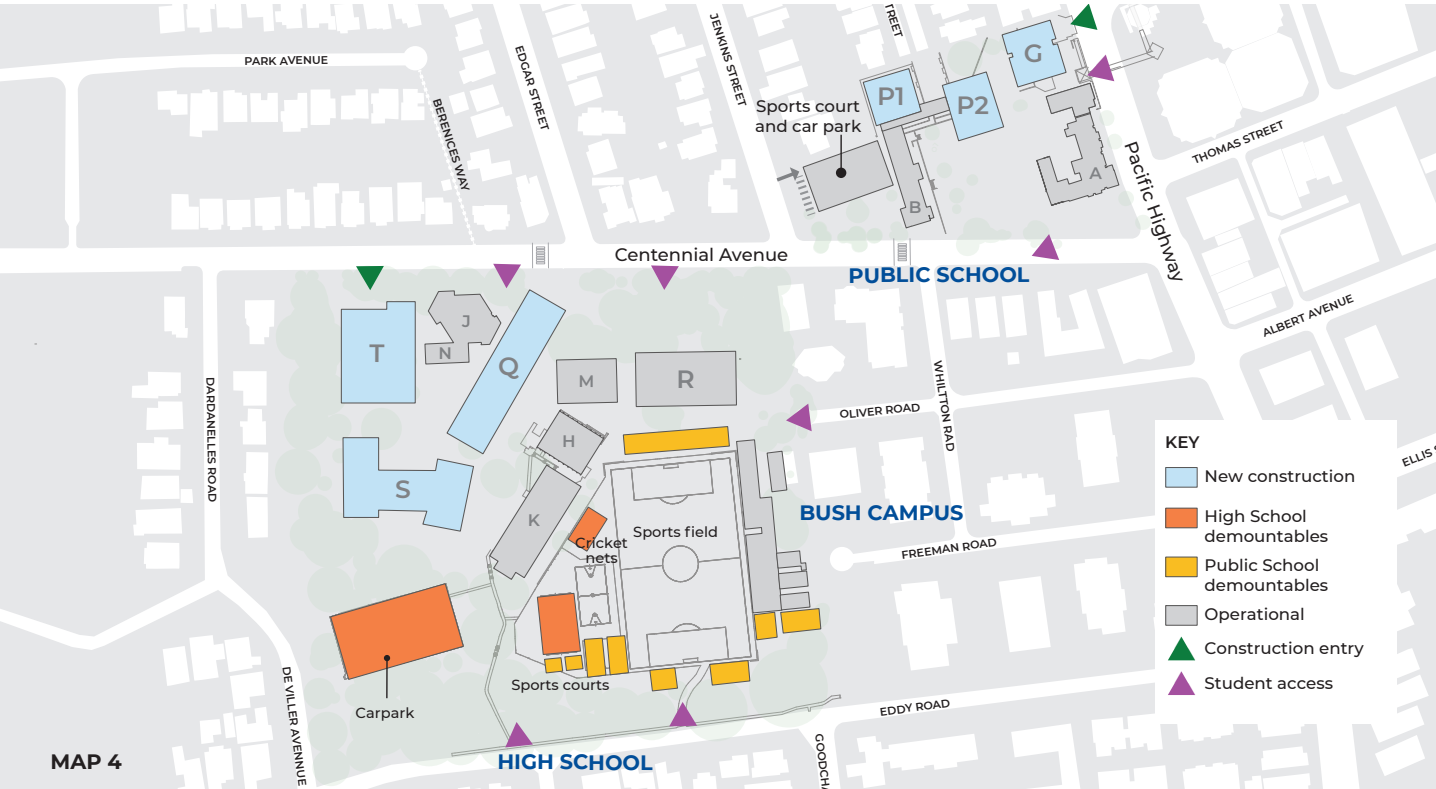
Early 2022 to late 2022

Chatswood Public School

- Commence construction of Building G (new Hall)
- Ongoing construction of Buildings P1 and P2

Chatswood High School

- Demolition of Buildings A, B, I and F
- Commence construction of Buildings T (new Hall), S and Q
- Ongoing construction of Building S



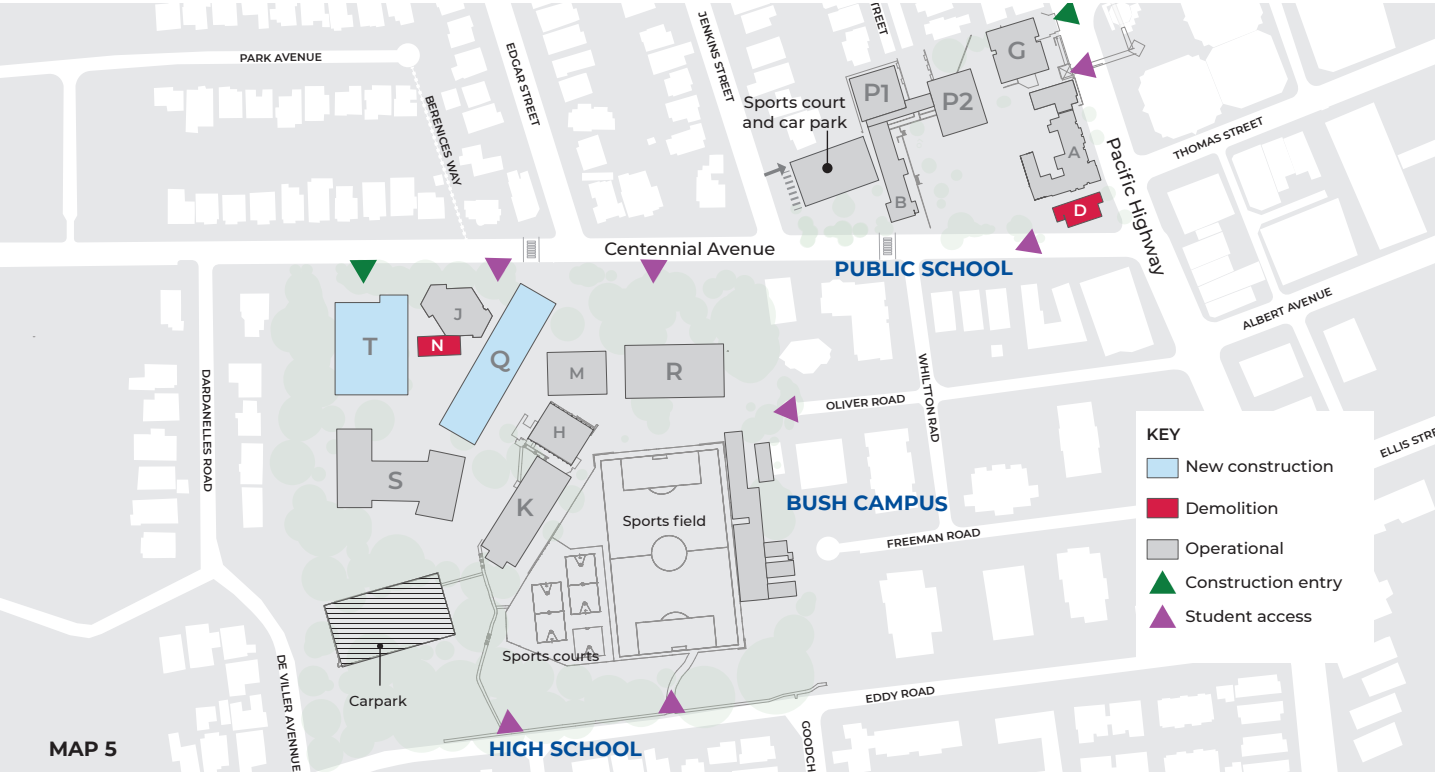
Late 2022 to early 2023

Chatswood Public School

- External landscaping
- Demolition of Building D

Chatswood High School

- Demolition of Building N
- Removal of temporary schools excluding the original Bush Campus
- Ongoing construction of Buildings T (new Hall) and Q



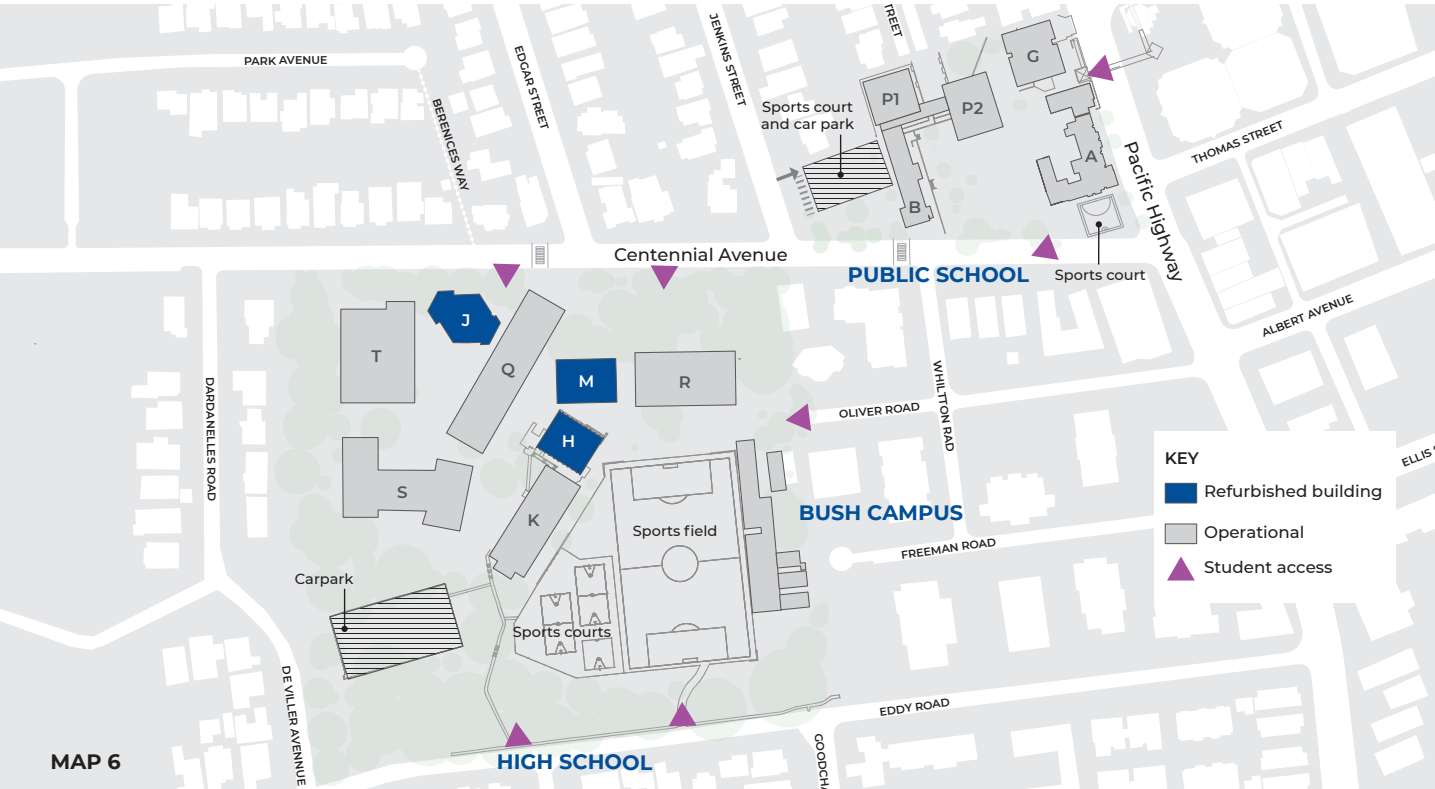
Early 2023 to late 2023

Chatswood Public School

- External landscaping
- Project completion

Chatswood High School

- Refurbishment of Buildings J, M and H
- Project completion







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

## For more information

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and neighbours is our highest priority.

Due to the nature and scale of the work, we acknowledge that students, staff and local community will experience some disruption during construction. We are committed to working together to minimise this disruption as best as we can. More information about the impacts of the staging activity schedule can be found under the frequently asked questions on the [project website](#).

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we progress this project and will keep you informed with regular project updates during construction.

## Stay informed



### Website

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**[schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](https://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)**



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