



Artist impression of the new entrance to Darcy Road Public School (subject to change)

# Darcy Road Public School

Project update | December 2022

## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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.

## Project overview

The upgrade of Darcy Road Public School will include new permanent learning spaces and core facilities to support the growing population in Western Sydney.

The upgrade will deliver new buildings with flexible learning spaces, new administration facilities, a new library, a new canteen, a refurbished hall, an extension to the existing car park, and improvements to open spaces. The project will include the demolition of all existing school buildings, except for the hall, and removing demountable classrooms.

## Progress summary

We recently completed the schematic design for the project which finalises the form of the buildings and functionality of internal space. We look forward to sharing the schematic design with the community in the new year. The main works construction contract is now out for tender and we expect to confirm a contractor by mid 2023.

## Next steps

We are working on the studies that need to be included as part of the project's State Significant Development (SSD) application and will lodge the application for the school upgrade in early 2023. We will inform the community when we have lodged this application, and let you know how you can have your say.

## Further information

In October 2022, we held an information session at Darcy Road Public School to share details of the scope, the design of the upgrade, and provide an opportunity for feedback. The feedback received will be considered by the project team as they continue to progress the project. The information below addresses some of the questions and feedback from the information session.

### Operating a temporary school onsite during construction

Where possible, we aim to keep school communities on their existing school sites while new school buildings are being built. Creating a temporary school onsite is the less disruptive option for students, staff, parents and staff and helps to maintain school culture.

The health and safety of the community is our highest priority. All work will be completed following SafeWork NSW regulations. The construction area will be fenced off from the rest of the school grounds to keep students safe and ensure they do not access the worksite.

### Managing noise from construction

We will apply measures to reduce noise impacts during construction, in accordance with the planning approval requirements. Measures including hoarding, secure fencing and shade cloth, and respite periods are used on construction sites to reduce noise and dust impacts on the school and local residents.

For more information about how we manage construction impacts, please visit: [edu.nsw.link/ConstructionImpacts](https://edu.nsw.link/ConstructionImpacts).

### Student safety in multi-storey buildings with stairs

New school buildings are designed in line with the department's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines, which considers the spatial requirements, site constraints, access and operational needs of the school. There is also an opportunity to learn from existing multi-storey primary schools in NSW about operational measures that will help to ensure student safety.

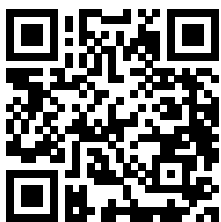
The key benefit of multi-storey buildings at Darcy Road Public School is that they will maximise the available outdoor play space for students.

### Changes to the intake area

If changes to school intake areas are needed, the Department of Education will work closely with school staff and communities to inform them and help them plan for any catchment boundary realignments.

### Stay involved

We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best learning facilities for students. A dedicated and regularly updated project page has been published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.



Scan the QR code or visit [edu.nsw.link/DarcyRdPS](https://edu.nsw.link/DarcyRdPS).

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