NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Darcy Road Public School

Project update and holiday works notification | September 2022

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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 have completed the concept design process for the Darcy Road Public School upgrade in consultation with the school and the department's technical stakeholder group. We look forward to sharing the designs with the community for feedback in Term 4.

The upgrade to Darcy Road Public School has been confirmed as a State Significant Development (SSD) and so the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will assess the development application (DA) for the project.

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Next steps

We will soon submit a request to DPE for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) which will advise the studies that need to be included as part of the project's State Significant Development (SSD) application to gain development approval.

Spring holiday works

From Monday 26 September to Sunday 9 October 2022 (Term 3 school holiday), contractors will be on site at Darcy Road Public School to conduct investigative works to inform the planning and design for the school upgrade.

Inspection of existing buildings

The contractors will inspect existing school buildings for hazardous materials and will take samples, as required, to confirm the information contained in the school's current hazardous materials register.

The information gathered will be used to inform planning for construction works during the project, including any remediation works that may be required. Any materials will be removed in line with SafeWork NSW regulations.

The inspection works will take place from Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 September place between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.30 pm.

Geotechnical and environmental investigations

The geotechnical investigations will provide information on the physical properties of the soil and rock on the site. The investigations will involve drilling 8 boreholes to 10 metres below ground level using a track mounted drill rig (a type of off-road vehicle with a large drill attached). The holes will be refilled as required and made safe.

The works will take place at the weekends on the following dates:

- Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 September
- Saturday 1 to Sunday 2 October
- Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 October (only if required)

All works will take place between 7 am and 5 pm.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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