



Darlington Public School, Golden Grove Street entrance

# Darlington Public School

Upgrade works complete | July 2023

We recently completed the final works for the Darlington Public School upgrade. The upgrade has delivered:

-  A new three storey building containing **19** new permanent learning spaces
-  **3** preschool classrooms for up to **60** children and dedicated outdoor play area
-  A new library
-  New administration area
-  Sports courts
-  A new hall and OSCH facilities
-  A new canteen
-  Covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
-  Landscaping and play areas
-  New staff facilities
-  A dedicated special programs space

Thank you for your patience during construction. We are thrilled to have delivered this project for the school community.

## Message from the Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to the newly completed Darlington Public School.

There has always been a wonderful sense of belonging as you walk through our gates. We aim to create a supportive and inclusive environment where every child is nurtured with care, to exceed their potential, and to achieve their personal best in all aspects of school life. I deeply believe that you will find our school a warm, safe, and friendly place.

Our learning and teaching environments are focused on:

- Enabling our students to be strongly literate, numerate, curious, and skilled to embrace 21st century learning.
- Enabling our students to see the importance of learning and creativity, as enduring features of their lives.
- Enabling our students to grow a strong moral compass, to allow them to make sense of and influence, their complex world.
- Enabling our students to be optimistic and resilient; possessing a strong sense of identity and worth.
- Enabling our students to foster a strong sense of connection and purpose in their lives.
- Enabling our students to connect and contribute to family, friends, communities, and the planet we share.



Learning is most rewarding in a school that is creative, cooperative and fundamentally fun. All our students are challenged and engaged in deep learning experiences to develop the essential competencies of communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

I am proud of our competent and committed teaching staff who continuously seek and demand high standards from within. Our teachers are encouraged to constantly research and challenge themselves to expose their students to inspirational and meaningful learning experiences and ensure that they are happy learners.

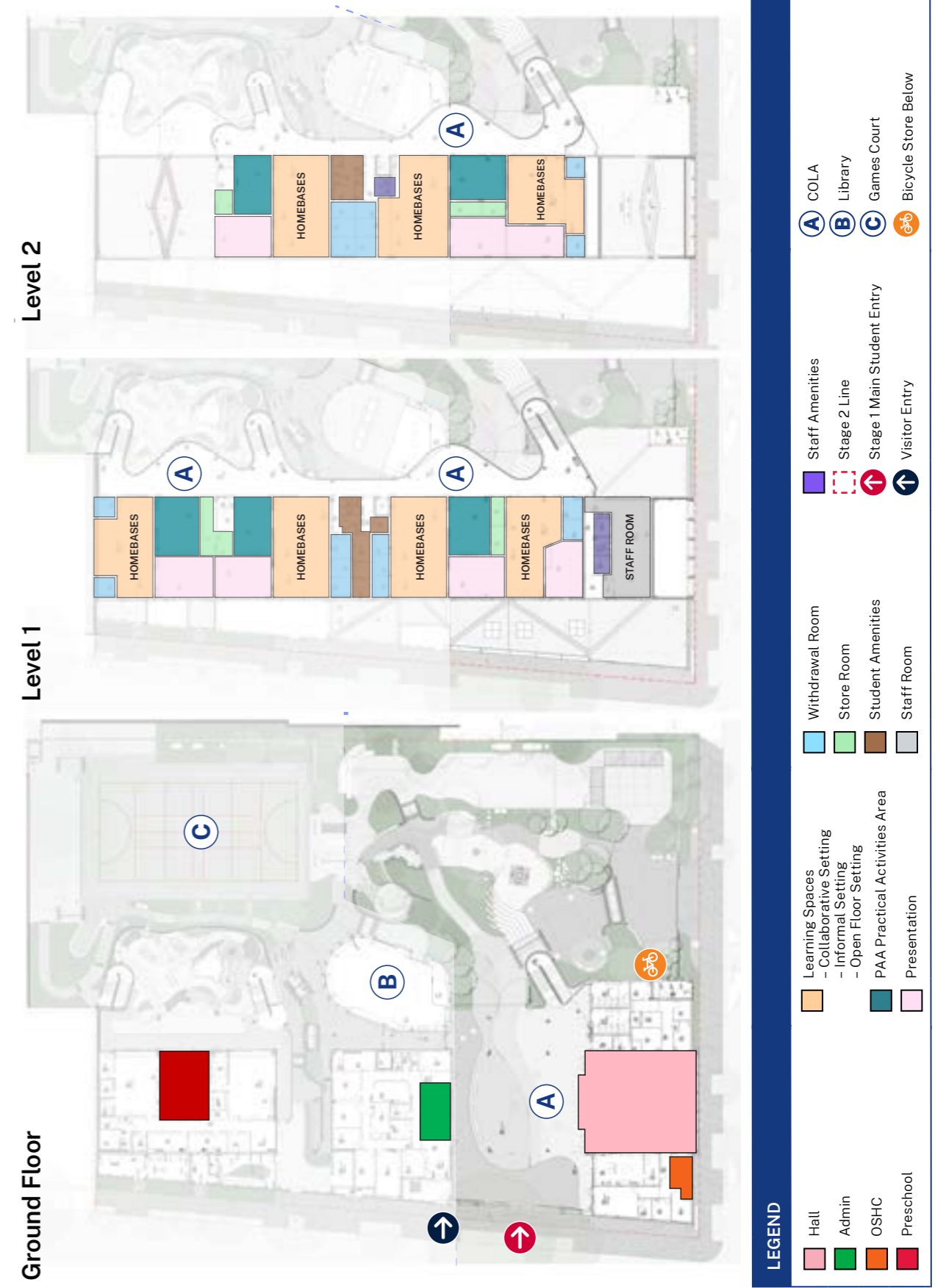
The children, staff, and I are very proud of our school. Our excellence transpires in the learning environment and harmony among students, teachers and families. We strive to achieve this excellence every day.

The school life at Darlington is vibrant and innovative. We find inspiration in everyday events and create meaningful routines, build on the past achievements, and move forward with our goals.

Together we can achieve great things, in the wonder that is Darlington Public School.

**Michelle McCormack**  
Principal, Darlington Public School

## New school map / upgrade map





## Aboriginal heritage and art at Darlington Public School

The school's focus on inclusion and Aboriginal culture has created a unique aesthetic which provides a visually stimulating, sociable and safe space for students and other community members to gather.

Art and Indigenous interpretation are integrated within the new school design, including:

- placement of specific artwork and cultural objects in the design of interior spaces, to inspire children and foster a greater understanding of Aboriginal heritage and the wider community;
- retained painted murals integrated into the landscape plan;
- painted murals that could not be retained in the new school design are recorded (archival recording and oral history has been undertaken).

As part of the project, existing murals have been selected by the artwork committee to be printed and installed internally within the school classrooms.



Learning space on Level 2



New staff facilities



Outdoor play area



The new sports court was delivered as part of Stage 1



The new hall includes a permanent installation of rugs from the school's Aboriginal art collection

The school's large collection of Aboriginal art, both movable as an essential part of the fabric of the school, creates a setting which envelops the teachers and students in Aboriginal traditions and teaching. This aesthetic underpins the teaching methods, creating unique spaces with both social and functional use.





The COLA integrates Aboriginal art on the wall outside the Reception area

The consideration of Aboriginal cultural heritage was a key part of the design of the school upgrade, ensuring Aboriginal cultural heritage was incorporated into the design, focusing on key spaces such as the entry undercroft, school hall, library, classrooms and playground. The design acknowledges that the artwork, murals and objects are integral to the school's identity.



The school has been enjoying the new library, which was delivered in Stage 1



The Year 6 art was established in 2015

Key murals, such as the Year 6 art wall, were retained. Space is provided for future expansion of these artworks, which is an important consideration for current and future students who see it as an opportunity to create their own artwork for the school.



Presentation space





Covered outdoor learning area (COLA)

## Thank you

We would like to thank you for your patience while we delivered this upgrade to the school. Your support and cooperation has been invaluable and made it possible for us to deliver these new facilities for the students and staff of Darlington Public School.

## Contact us

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