



An example of innovative learning spaces we are delivering for students across NSW

Darlington Public School

Project update

September 2019

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Darlington Public School

An upgrade of Darlington Public School is being planned to accommodate projected growth of the school population. The project proposes to deliver new flexible learning spaces, an upgrade of core facilities, and improvements to access and play space. The characteristics of the site and the broader Darlington area are being respectfully considered in the design process.

Project summary

The project is in early planning stages following a design review and the appointment of a new architect.

Four new concept masterplan options have been developed and were presented in August 2019 to parents, teachers, P&C members and the community at two information sessions.

The feedback received was very positive with the community pleased for the project to progress. The main themes included:

- **Outdoor space and play areas** including the importance of nature and landscaping, grass or soft play areas for running, play equipment, shading, and accommodating different age groups of students
- **Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)** with insight provided into the valuable role it plays for the school community, the preference to retain a separate OSHC and an appropriate location on site
- **Access and transport** and a desire for improved options for walking, cycling, public transport, pick up and drop off areas, parking and waiting areas, pedestrian crossings, and access points into the school
- **General design** considerations spanning sustainability, disability requirements, art and culture, design features, finishes and fixtures, staffing and educational needs, and site orientation and layout.

Thank you for your feedback

The feedback you provided is important to us. We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

While we receive many ideas, please note it is not always possible to implement everyone's suggestions. We will ensure we've considered what's important to you within the project scope.

Next steps

Concept plans are expected to be completed in late 2019 and will then progress towards detailed designs in 2020.

At this stage, it is too early to determine how the school's operations will be maintained during the construction period. A range of on-site and off-site options will be considered in close consultation with the Principal.

The health, safety, and well-being of the students, teachers and staff is our highest priority.

Keeping you informed

To find out more you are invited to attend an upcoming information session.

Date: Wednesday 30 October 2019

Time: 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Location: Darlington Public School's Hall

There will be two 30 minute presentations at 3.15pm and 5.00pm by the lead architect who will explain and showcase the progress of the four options into a single masterplan concept. Before and after each presentation there will be an opportunity in the school hall to meet the project team, ask questions and provide feedback.

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