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Project update

February 2021

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 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.

Project overview

Darlington Public School is being upgraded to deliver new facilities and provide for growing student enrolments in the area. These new facilities will include:

- New learning and teaching spaces
- A new hall
- A new library
- New administration and staff facilities
- A new canteen
- Covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs).

Progress summary

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for the project to proceed was approved in November 2020.

A construction contract has been awarded and early works began in December 2020. These early works have been taking place over the 2020/2021 school holiday period and are progressing well.

Whilst the majority of the early works have been completed over the holiday period, a small portion of works will be undertaken at the beginning of Term 1. This means that some of the outdoor areas will be briefly unavailable at the beginning of Term 1 2021 while we continue construction of the new play court. We are working hard to finalise the construction of the new play court which is expected to be completed in late February.

Next steps

Construction works will be coordinated across two stages to prioritise safety and amenity, minimise disruption and maximise open play space.

Main works construction will begin around March 2021 and stage 2 is expected to begin in 2022. More information will be released to the school and local community around the start of main works construction.

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Frequently asked questions

How will construction affect school operations in Term 1 2021?

While the majority of the early works have been completed over the vacation period, a small portion of works will be undertaken at the beginning of Term 1 2021. This means that outside space will be briefly impacted at the beginning of Term 1 2021 while we finalise construction of the new play court.

Hoarding will be installed to separate all work areas and ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors. There will also be signage and separate access points in place to ensure restricted access to the construction site.

What hours will there be construction work in Term 1 2021?

Working hours for the early works stage are:

- 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday
- 7:30am to 3:30pm, Saturday

There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays unless the local community is otherwise notified.

How will dust and noise be managed during construction?

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels will be managed in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Noise will be kept to a minimum as best as possible during the construction, and dust as a result of demolition, will be hosed as required. Trucks making deliveries to the site will have their loads covered. The site will undergo periodic air monitoring and noise and dust will be appropriately managed throughout construction in accordance with the State Significant Development application consent conditions.

How will site remediation be managed during construction?

The site will be safely remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Management Plans and Safe Work NSW regulations. This work may involve removal of materials, or the safe covering of the ground with specialist methods in accordance with the Remediation Action Plan.

The work will be completed by licenced remediation experts and would be monitored in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The contractor is responsible for monitoring and ensuring all guidelines are being adhered to, working closely with SINSW.

How will traffic impacts be managed during construction?

Through early works, the contractor's access to the site will be through the Golden Grove Street vehicle gate. Movement of construction vehicles will be restricted at drop-off and pick-up times to limit congestion around the school.

How will the school community be kept safe during construction?

The safety of the school's students, staff, visitors and the local community is our highest priority. Construction planning has been designed so there is minimal impact on school operations. Safety measures will be in place to separate the construction site from areas occupied by the school and ensure students are unable to enter construction areas. There will be regular consultation with the school to discuss construction progress.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.

The health and safety of our students, staff and community are our priority. We are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed about our project in your community to account for social distancing measures.

Until further notice we will share information with our communities online instead of in person. The SINSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project in your area. Our information hotline and email address will continue to operate as normal.

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