

Darlington Public School

Project update

1 March 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)

Managing Construction impacts

As part of the formal planning and approval process for Darlington Public School, plans have been developed that detail how construction impacts on nearby residents will be minimised. These impacts include noise, vibration and vehicle movements.

You can contribute to the development of these plans to effectively manage construction impacts. Your feedback is sought on how we propose to manage construction activities listed in the table below. Please provide your feedback by Monday 8 March 2021 via email at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.

Activity	How we propose to minimise or manage the impact on nearby residents
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.• Noise levels on site will be managed in accordance with the noise control guidelines outlined in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works.• Construction works, including the delivery of materials to and from the site, are proposed to take place between 7:00am and 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays and between 8:00am and 1:00pm on Saturdays. No work is currently proposed for

	<p>Sundays or public holidays. We may also carry out work where noise levels that do not exceed the existing background noise level plus 5dB between 6:00am and 7:00pm Monday to Friday and between 9:00am and 12:00pm Saturdays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will provide advance notice if any work is approved to take place outside of the above hours. • In line with the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can operate on weekends and public holidays. This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules while on construction sites by distributing building work across the week. Under this Order, work on weekends is limited to the approved weekday construction hours for this project.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures for achieving the noise management levels in EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009). • Measures to manage high noise generating works such as piling and similar activities. • Noise reducing work practices. <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work will occur within approved standard work hours. • If high noise generating works are planned, neighbours will be notified of this before work starts. These high noise generating activities may include rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving and similar activities. • If vibration piling and similar activities are required, effective equipment should be chosen, and respite periods for local residents may be put in place. These activities will be subject of the respite period between the hours of: <p>9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday to Friday 2:00pm to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High noise generating works will be managed to reduce the impact to local residents by implementing shorter time periods or alternating with quieter work methods where practical. • No work will be carried out on Sundays or public holidays unless necessary to maintain social distancing guidelines or approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. • Where necessary, site hoarding will be installed to mitigate noise impacts. • Workers and contractors are regularly trained to use equipment in ways to minimise noise. • Avoid the use of radios or stereos outdoors where neighbours can be affected. • Avoid the overuse of public address systems. • Avoid shouting and minimise talking loudly or slamming vehicle doors. • Develop a one-page summary of the consent conditions for the site noticeboard for workers to quickly reference this information. <p>Measures to ensure road safety and network efficiency during construction.</p>

	<p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trucks will be well maintained and will be required to observe speed limits.• Trucks will only use approved truck routes to and from the site.
Construction	<p>Mechanism for the community to discuss or provide feedback regarding construction impacts.</p> <p>Proposed actions:</p> <p>The community information phone line and email address will be available throughout the project and for a minimum of 12 months following completion of the project:</p> <p>Phone: 1300 482 651</p> <p>Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au</p>

For more information contact:

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