



Artistic Impression of Darlington Public School

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Project update

October 2020

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The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 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.

Progress summary

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 and upgraded library
- New administration and staff facilities
- A new canteen
- Covered outdoor learning areas (COLA)

A State Significant Development (SSD) application was lodged in June 2020 and is being assessed.

A call for construction tenders was made in late July 2020. The process is ongoing to select a contractor to deliver the project.

Next steps

The tender for the construction contractor has closed and assessment is underway.

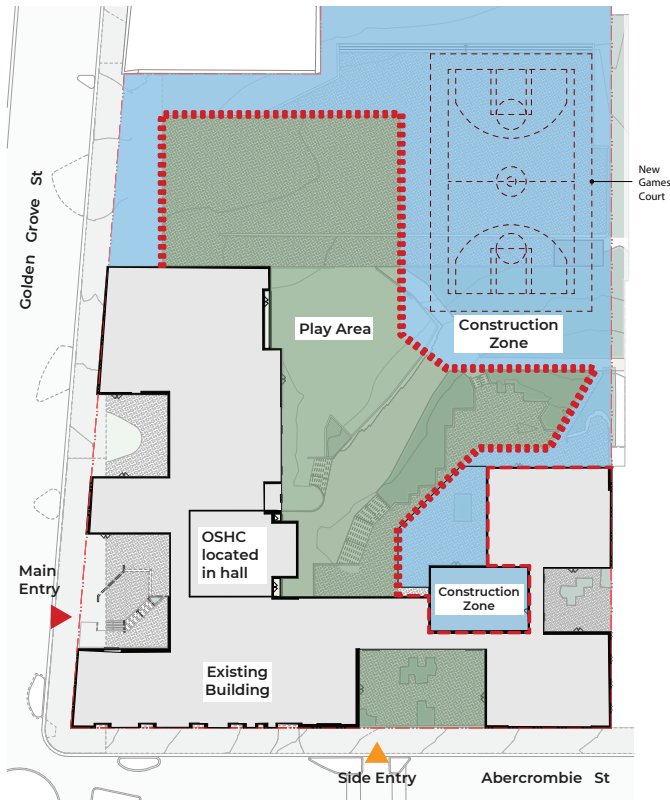
Project timeline



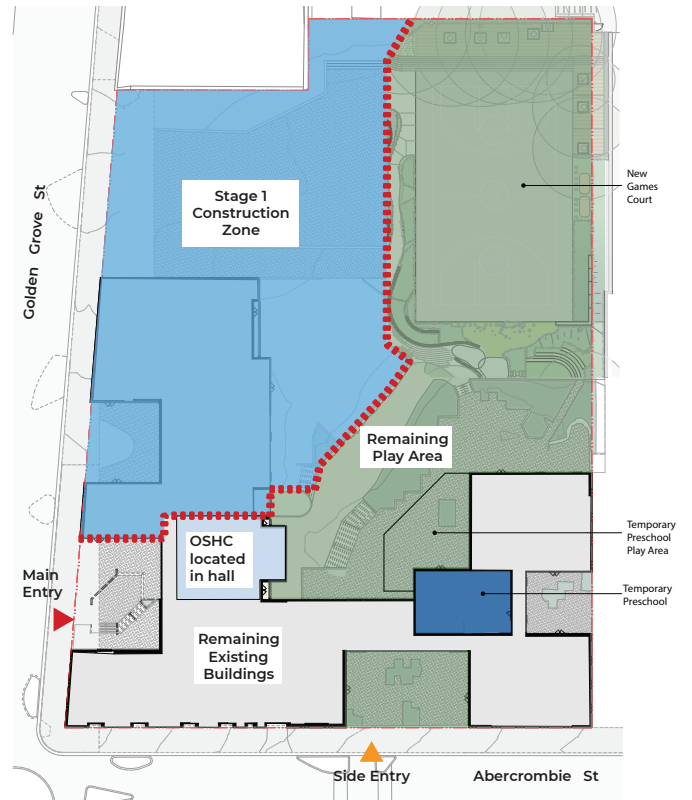
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Early Works: 23 Nov to end of Term 4 2020



Stage 1 Works: Feb 2021 to early 2022



Key: ■ Play Area ■ Construction Zone ■ Temporary Preschool Hoarding Lines No school access

Frequently asked questions

What will happen in Stage 1 of the project?

Construction works will be coordinated across 2 stages to prioritise safety and amenity, minimise disruption and maximise open play space. Early works will start in late 2020 and continue over the 2020 / 2021 school vacation period. This will include the partial demolition of Block C, and construction of a new games court and temporary pre-school. Stage 1 will start in early 2021 and continue until 2022.

How will this affect school operations in Term 4 2020?

Early works will see trucks and equipment arrive on site and the establishment of several work compounds. Temporary fencing will be installed to separate all work areas and ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors.

Stage 1 will involve some changes to how staff and students occupy the school space including moving the preschool and some students to Buildings A and B. We are consulting closely with the Acting Principal to ensure student play space is considered as this work is conducted. More detailed information on potential construction impacts will be communicated closer to the time.

What will happen to the OSHC (out of school hours care) during Stage 1?

The OSHC will relocate for the duration of the work. From approximately Week 7 in Term 4, the OSHC will operate out

of the Darlington Public School hall. The OSHC will then relocate for the 2020 to 2021 school vacation period. Options are currently being investigated for the operation of the OSHC during this period. In 2021 the OSHC will operate out of the Darlington Public School hall.

What will happen in Stage 2 of the project?

The school will commence occupation of the newly completed Stage 1 works. Buildings A and B will be vacated and demolished. The new school hall, OSHC, staff areas and additional classrooms will be constructed. Stage 2 of the project is not expected to commence until 2022 at the earliest.

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 will be 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. Throughout the entire construction period rigorous safety and security measures will be put in place. There will be regular consultation with the school to discuss construction progress.

When will the project be complete?

The project is expected to be completed by mid-2023.