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Project update

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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. 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.

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

A project is underway to deliver a new primary school for Leppington on Commissioners Drive to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 44 new flexible learning spaces
- A library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- Administration and staff facilities.

Progress summary

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for this project has been fast tracked by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. If the SSD application is approved, the project can look at commencing construction.

Design for Manufacture Assembly (DfMA) process will be used in the build, including constructing school buildings offsite. This reduces the impact to local residents and saves time when compared to traditional builds. The school is scheduled for completion in late 2021, pending the SSD application determination.

Keeping you updated

We are temporarily changing some of the ways that we keep you informed to account for social distancing measures.

Instead of community information sessions, we invite you to view more information about this project at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/l/leppington-new-primary-school.html

We will keep you updated and provide more information about the construction timetable in the coming months. You can contact us using the information below.

For more information contact:

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www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Managing construction impacts

Once the SSD application is approved, the project can look at commencing construction. This is anticipated for mid September 2020, pending the SSD application determination, starting with site establishment, bulk earthworks and building foundations.

As part of the consent to carry out the work, the main contractor, Hansen Yuncken, is required to develop a Construction Environmental Management Plan to outline how it will manage construction impacts to nearby local residents. These impacts include noise, vibration and vehicle movements.

Your feedback

Let us know what you think about how we propose to manage construction activities listed in the table below.

Provide your feedback via email or phone by Saturday 5 September 2020.

- Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
- Phone: 1300 482 651

Activity	Consent condition and proposed activities
General	<p>Proposed actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Noise levels on site will not exceed the noise control guidelines that are outlined in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works.▪ We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.▪ Trucks will be well maintained and only use approved truck routes to and from the site.▪ The majority of buildings that will be installed on site are being manufactured off site. Transporting them to site will require special wide load and length vehicles. We will provide advance notice of the proposed route and after hours timing of this to the local residents.
Construction	<p>Consent condition: procedures for achieving the noise management levels in EPA's <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i> (DECC, 2009).</p> <p>Consent condition: noise reducing work practices to be implemented.</p> <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Noise levels for general activities will only occur within approved standard work hours:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Between 7:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Fridayb) Between 8am and 1pm, Saturdayc) No work may be carried out on Sundays or public holidays unless approved by the Department of Industry, Planning and Environment.▪ Works may occur outside of these hours between:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Between 6pm and 7pm Mondays to Fridays inclusive: andb) Between 1pm and 4pm, Saturdays <p>These works are to be within existing background noise levels plus 5dB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All activities will occur within the approved standard work hours.▪ Ensure that workers and contractors are regularly trained (via toolbox talks) to use equipment in ways to minimise noise.▪ Avoiding the use of radios or stereos outdoors where neighbours can be affected.▪ Avoid the overuse of public address systems.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Avoid shouting and minimise talking loudly or slamming vehicle doors.▪ Develop a one-page summary of approval or consent conditions that relate to relevant workers to quickly reference this information.
Construction	<p>Consent condition: measures to be implemented to manage high noise generating works such as piling, in close proximity to the closest homes.</p> <p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If high noise generating works are planned, neighbours should be notified of this before work starts.▪ If rock breaking activities are required, effective equipment should be chosen, and respite periods for local residents should be put in place. Rock breaking hours will be strictly limited to approved hours of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday to Friday▪ 2:00pm to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday▪ 9:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday.▪ For high noise generating works, if complaints are received, work will be managed to reduce the impact to local residents by implementing shorter time periods, or alternating with quieter work methods where practical



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Frequently asked questions

When will construction begin?

Main works construction will begin as soon as planning approval is received from Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Will street parking be impacted during construction?

There will be minimal impacts to street parking as there will be parking available on site for workers. The impact of our project on the local community is considered in our planning. We work with councils and the community to identify issues and put in place mitigation measures.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels is managed in strict accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Dust is minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary. Traffic Management Plans will be implemented when works are occurring on road frontages. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

Why has the planning approval for this project been fast tracked?

Leppington new primary school is among the fifth wave of projects that will have their assessments fast tracked.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will make decisions on the SSD application for this project by 11 September 2020. This will mean the project can get underway sooner if approved.

Does this mean the usual checks and community consultation will be waived to fast track the projects?

The assessment process is being accelerated, not changed. The usual planning rules and policies will apply, and all projects will be assessed under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Will the community still get to have a say on projects that are being fast-tracked?

All of the projects being fast tracked have completed the substantive planning work and are post the exhibition and community consultation phase. We will continue to engage and inform the community during the project.

Due to the need to meet requirements under Public Health Orders, a range of digital engagement tools will be used to communicate with the community and stakeholders to seek any comment or feedback. This will include digital project updates, online sharing of information session material, the School Infrastructure NSW website, community information line and mailbox.

What is Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA)?

DfMA is a design and construction process combining off-site and on-site assembly to deliver infrastructure. This process allows better use of limited land supply and minimises impact to schools and local communities, as new permanent buildings and upgrades are delivered in shorter timeframes.

What are the benefits of DfMA?

- Time savings
- Minimises impact on school operations
- Improved health, safety & productivity
- Upskills the workforce
- Improved sustainability
- Opportunity to reduce cost.

When will enrolments be accepted?

Information about enrolments for the new school will be available in the coming months. For general information on how to enrol in NSW public schools, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>.

Will there be any changes to surrounding school enrolment boundaries?

If changes to school catchment boundaries / enrolment areas are needed, the Department of Education would work closely with school staff and communities to inform them and help them plan for any boundary realignments.