



Artist impression of the Eastwood Public School upgrade

Eastwood Public School

Project update

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The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 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

A project is underway to upgrade Eastwood Public School. The project will deliver a new building with nine new permanent flexible learning spaces, a new toilet block to replace an existing amenity block, and remove temporary classrooms.

Progress summary

Construction continues at Eastwood Public School. Works to level the ground underneath the new amenities building has been completed and the steel that will be used to build its structure has been delivered. We have begun to drill holes into the ground and inserting the concrete columns that provide support to the new building, this process is known as 'piling'.

Next steps

We will continue with the ground works across the amenities site which includes digging the trenches that will hold water drainage and sewer systems, as well as cables that will provide services like electricity and internet. Once groundworks are complete we will pour the concrete slab and begin building the structure of the new building.

For the new homebase building, we will be continuing with excavation followed by groundworks and laying a concrete slab.

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A focus on accessibility as part of the upgrade

All nine new learning spaces will have an interactive touch screen display which will connect to hearing augmentation systems. The hearing augmentation system or hearing loop is a system of wires placed around a room and connected to the classroom's audio-visual system. The system helps to define sound and block out background noise for users of hearing aids or with cochlear implants.

There will be two accessible bathrooms as part of the project, one bathroom will be located on the ground floor of the new homebase building and another one will be located in the new amenities block. The bathroom in the amenities block will have access to shower facilities.

The main entrance to the new building uses an entrance ramp, providing the same access options for all students regardless of their mobility requirements. Other elements that support accessibility include a lift, tactile signage, appropriate lighting and ample space in common areas in line with current Australian Building Standards.

What's 'piling'? Learn about how the building is being constructed

Piling is the process of inserting structural columns into the ground which will make up the base of the building. The job of this column or pile is to distribute the weight of the structure evenly, providing a sturdy base for the structure to be built on. For Eastwood public school, a piling rig machine will be used to drill holes and insert the piles to a depth of 16 metres. This is about as high as a five-storey building or tall as three giraffes!

Managing noise and dust during construction

Noise levels at the site will continue to comply with noise guidelines for construction and demolition and works equipment is being maintained with low noise control fittings such as exhaust, mufflers and sound proofing. We are working with the school to minimise any disruption when scheduling in noisy works and will continue to communicate with community if out of the ordinary noisy work is expected to take place.

Measures to control dust will continue during construction, including hosing dust on all unsealed areas as required and reduced construction works during high wind conditions. Thank you for your continued patience as we deliver this important piece of infrastructure.

Primary school intake area changes for Epping and Carlingford

A new primary school in Epping is being built to accommodate the growth of students in the area. As part of the project, adjustments to some school intake areas are necessary to balance enrolments across local schools and ensure that students and families will continue to be provided a high-quality education.

After careful analysis of relevant demographic data, intake area adjustments for students have been made to Eastwood Public School, Epping West Public School and Carlingford Public School.



School Finder

The new school intake areas can be viewed using the NSW Public School Finder at schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au



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