



Artist impression of Estella Public School

# Estella Public School

## Project update

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### 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 New South Wales. 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 build the new Estella Public School on Estella Road, Estella to support the growing community. The design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) building method used has enabled the school to be operational for early 2021.

The new school is designed to accommodate up to 480 students from years K-6.

With programs impacts in 2020 by delayed supplies from manufacturers due to COVID 19, wet weather and a prolonged planning approvals process, the project will now be delivered in two phases.

Phase 1 includes:

- 16 new flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning areas (COLA)
- administration and staff facilities.

Phase 2 will deliver:

- staff carpark
- bus bay and kiss and drop on Estella Rd
- landscaping

### Progress summary

Estella Public School will be operational on Day 1, Term 1 2021. Students and staff will have access to 16 innovative learning spaces, a library, hall, canteen, covered outdoor learning area, play areas and staff and administration facilities.

Phase 2 works are anticipated to be completed by Day 1, Term 2 2021. Construction hoarding (walls) or secure fencing will be in place to provide a secure barrier from the school grounds and ensure the safety of students and staff. This is common at operational schools undergoing construction upgrades.

### Next steps

Work hours will continue to be 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Sunday, inclusive of public holidays, in accordance with the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020*. The safety and well-being of students and staff is our top priority.

We are here to make sure this work is carried out safely and efficiently. During this time we will be working collaboratively with the school community and neighbours to ensure disruptions are minimised to the wider community.

For more information contact:

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## Frequently asked questions

### 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 and productivity
- Upskills the workforce
- Improved sustainability
- Opportunity to reduce cost.

### Will the school be completed in time?

The school will be operational earlier than anticipated, for Day 1, Term 1 2021.

### What will be available on Day 1 Term 1 2021?

From Day 1, Term 1 2021, students and staff will have to 16 innovative learning spaces, a library, hall, canteen, covered outdoor learning area, play areas and staff and administration facilities.

### Will construction continue after Day 1, Term 1 2021?

During Term 1 2021, works on the remaining areas of the school will continue.

Construction hoarding (walls) or secure fencing will be in place to provide a secure barrier from the school grounds and ensure the safety of students and staff.

### Will street parking be impacted during construction?

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

### What steps are being taken to control noise and dust?

Noise and dust control measures will be implemented in accordance with planning approval requirements. Hoarding, secure fencing and shade cloth have been erected to reduce noise and dust impacts on the school and local residents. Dust from construction works will be hosed down as required.

### How is traffic being managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of students, staff, the local community and workers.

Traffic controllers will be used where required to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

### When will enrolments be accepted?

The school is currently taking enrolments.

To ensure your child is enrolled for 2021 you will need to live within the catchment/enrolment area, complete an enrolment form and supply relevant student documentation and complete 100 point residential check.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from:

Wagga Wagga Education Office  
Level 2, 76 Morgan St,  
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

or contact 6937 3812 and we can email a form out to you.

Completed forms and documentation can be returned to the above address or emailed to [kelly.honeyman2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kelly.honeyman2@det.nsw.edu.au). If you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### What is the school catchment area / enrolment area?

The NSW Department of Education has confirmed the school catchment area for the new primary school. The catchment for the new primary school was informed by demographic advice about projected enrolments in the Estella area and in consultation with local primary school Principals. The Department's process for enrolments in public primary schools will apply.

For a closer look at the catchment go to [my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder](http://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder).

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