



Artist impression of the Fort Street Public School upgrade

Fort Street Public School

Project update | December 2022

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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

The Fort Street Public School upgrade will cater to growing enrolments and provide exciting new spaces for learning and teaching. The upgrade will increase the number of teaching spaces through a range of new and refurbished buildings, which will be sensitive to the area's character and heritage. The upgrade includes up to 24 home base classrooms, covered outdoor learning area (COLA), Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) facilities and new play spaces.

Progress update

The design modification relating to minor design changes to internal and external features of the upgrade has been submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment. The modification will be on exhibition and open for submissions until Thursday 15 December 2022. Additional details can be obtained from the Department of Planning's Planning Portal website. <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/fort-street-public-school-modification-2-design-changes>

Roof installation to Building A is complete. This is the former Fort Street Public School building, which is being refurbished and extended to become a three-storey facility with learning spaces on each level.

Structural steel installation across all three levels of Building M (the MET building) is finished, with the roof installation underway. This will become the school library and special programs learning space. The external façade of the former Bureau of Meteorology building is being retained and restored to reflect its heritage significance.

The main structure for the classrooms and administration facilities in Buildings J and H was completed in November allowing façade works to commence.

Next steps

Significant and exciting works are scheduled for the school holiday period, including:

- Façade installation to Building A
- Finalisation of structural steel to the Hall followed by roof and cladding installation
- Internal fitout works across the site
- Installation of solar panels to Building A
- We are widening Upper Fort Street above the Cahill Expressway, in collaboration with Transport for NSW. This will allow for two-way traffic and improve school pick up and drop.

The temporary shared pathway to the east of the site will be closed for a period in the new year, to allow services connections. This is anticipated to commence in mid January, pending final approval, with a diversion in place for up to 2 weeks.

Over the end of year period, the construction site will be closed from Friday 23 December 2022 to Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Thank you for your patience as we deliver this important school infrastructure.



Aerial view of the Fort Street Public School upgrade site from December 2022

