



Artist impression of the Fort Street Public School upgrade

# Fort Street Public School

## Project update

April 2021

### 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 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 project will deliver new flexible learning spaces within existing and new buildings as well as upgrades to core facilities, including a new school hall, new library, a covered outdoor learning area (COLA), as well as new play spaces and out of hours school care.

### Progress summary

The State Significant Development application was approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 7 October 2020.

A modification to the SSD application was submitted to DPIE and will soon be placed on public exhibition.

The modification addresses several design changes to both internal and external features of the school upgrade. These proposed changes aim to:

- enhance the environmental performance of the building
- further minimise visual impacts
- further increase the protection of heritage fabric
- improve internal circulation space.

You can find more information on the SSD Modification by visiting the planning portal: [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/13596](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/13596)

Early work to realign the Sydney Harbour Bridge southern cycleway alongside Fort Street Public School will start in late April 2021. This work is required to ensure the cycleway can operate safely while construction works are underway.

### Managing construction impacts

As part of the consent to carry out the work, the main contractor is required to develop plans that details how construction impacts on nearby local residents will be minimised. These impacts include noise, vibration and vehicle movements.

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You can view the consent conditions, including those required for managing construction impacts via the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment's Major Projects portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/13596>.

## Your feedback

You can contribute to the development of strategies to effectively manage construction impacts. Your feedback is sought on how we propose to manage construction activities listed in the table below. Please provide your feedback by Monday 26 April 2021 via email or phone.

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Activity	Consent condition and proposed activities
<p><b>General</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ Construction works, including the delivery of materials to and from the site, are currently approved to take place between 7:00am and 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays and between 8:00am and 1:00pm on Saturdays. No night work is currently approved for this project and no work is currently approved on Sundays or public holidays.</li> <li>▪ Provided noise levels do not exceed the existing background noise level plus 5dB, works may also be undertaken between 6:00pm and 7:00pm, Mondays to Fridays and between 1:00pm and 4:00pm on Saturdays.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Construction</b></p>	<p><b>Consent condition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All reasonable steps must be taken to minimise dust generated during all works.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exposed surfaces and stockpiles will be managed with regular watering to minimise dust.</li> <li>▪ Public roads will be kept clean.</li> <li>▪ All trucks entering or leaving the site with loads will have their loads covered.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Construction</b></p>	<p><b>Consent condition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Measures are to be implemented to ensure road safety and network efficiency during construction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trucks will be well maintained and will be required to observe speed limits.</li> <li>▪ Trucks will only use approved truck routes to and from the site.</li> <li>▪ A Construction Worker Transportation Strategy will be implemented to assist in the minimisation of the use of private vehicles. Any parking requirements for workers or construction vehicles will be contained within the site.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Construction</b></p>	<p><b>Consent condition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Achieve the noise management levels in EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009).</li> <li>▪ Measures are to be implemented to manage high noise generating works, in close proximity to the closest homes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If high noise generating works are planned, neighbours will be notified of this before work starts.</li> <li>▪ If rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving and similar activities are required, effective equipment will be chosen and respite periods for local residents be put in place. These activities will be strictly limited to approved hours of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday to Friday</li> <li>o 2:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday; and</li> <li>o 9:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For high noise generating works, if complaints are received, work may be managed to reduce the impact to local residents by implementing shorter time periods, or alternating with quieter work methods were practical.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Construction</b></p>	<p><b>Consent condition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include a complaints management system that would be implemented for the duration of the construction</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The community information phone line and email address will be available throughout the project and for a minimum of 12 months following completion of the project:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Phone: 1300 482 651</li> <li>o Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ If a phone call, email or face-to-face complaint is received during construction, it will be logged in our CRM, actively managed, closed out and resolved by SINSW within 24-48 hours.</li> <li>▪ A detailed complaints process is outlined in the Community Communication Strategy, which will be publically available on the SINSW project page prior to work commencing on site.</li> </ul>

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