

Artist impression of the Fort Street Public School upgrade

Fort Street Public School

Project update

February 2022

Investing in our schools

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

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.



Up to **24** homebase
classrooms



A new
hall



A new
library



Out of school
hours care
(OSHC)



New play
spaces



Covered outdoor
learning area
(COLA)

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Modification application approved

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has approved the State Significant Development (SSD) application modification submission for the Fort Street Public School upgrade.

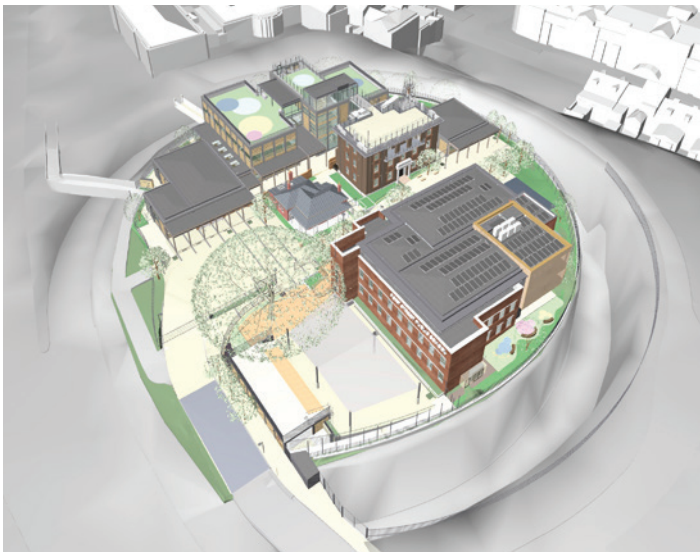
The modification addresses several design changes to both internal and external features of the school upgrade. These changes will improve the safety and functionality of the facility as well as increase the project's educational benefits.

The modification submission was developed in consultation with DPE, the City of Sydney, Heritage NSW and the Project Reference Group and will:

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

The principle changes made to the design as part of the modification include:

- relocating the mechanical plant provision from the rooftop to other locations across the site
- adding glazed enclosures to the staircase and lift in Building J level 3
- replacing Building J level 3 roof with glazed balustrades for increased visual transparency
- providing functional access to MET Building rooftop via link bridge.



Fort Street Public School – modified design

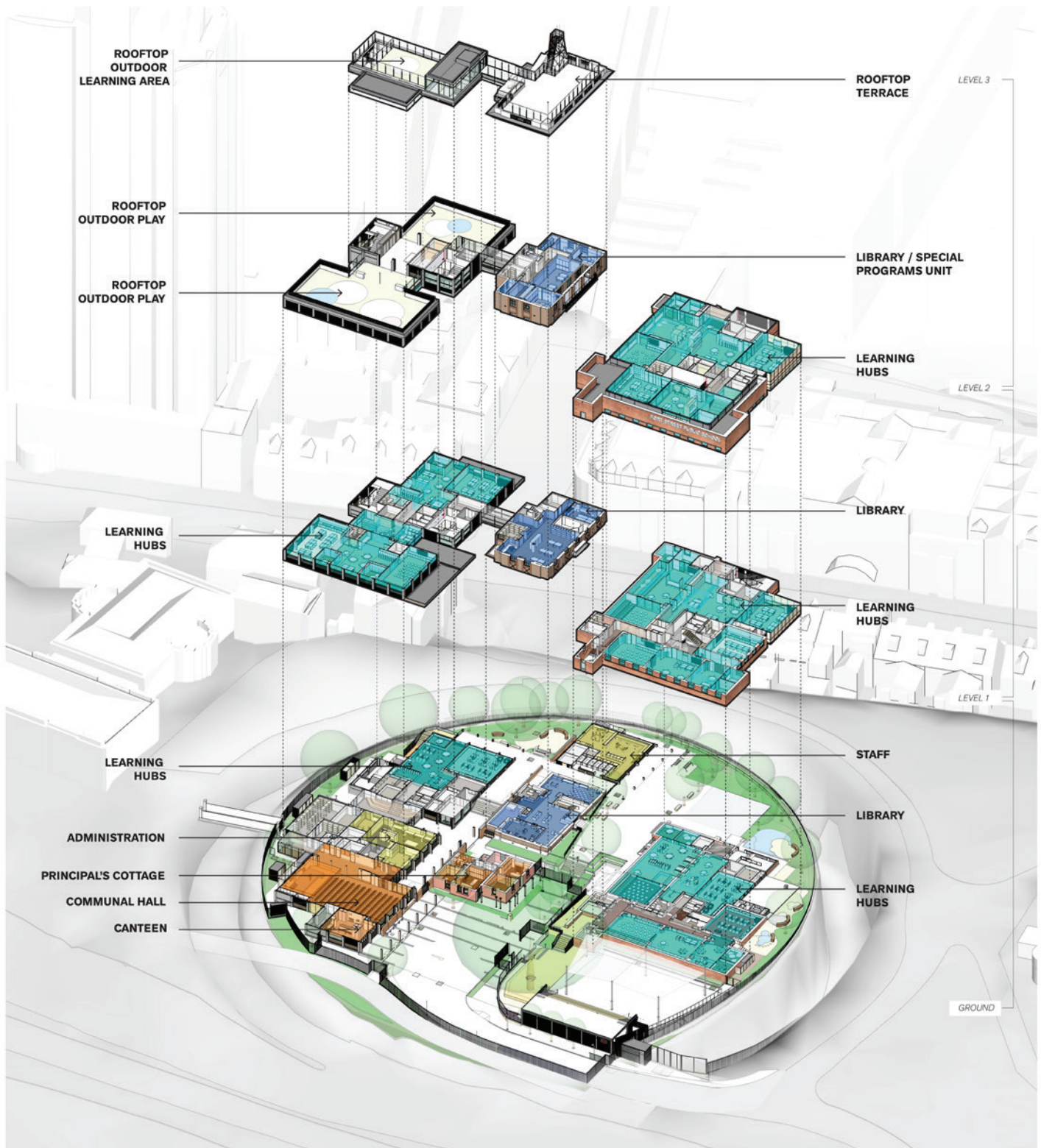


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New facilities



■ Learning hubs
 ■ Administration
 ■ Administration
 ■ Library

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Bureau of Meteorology Building

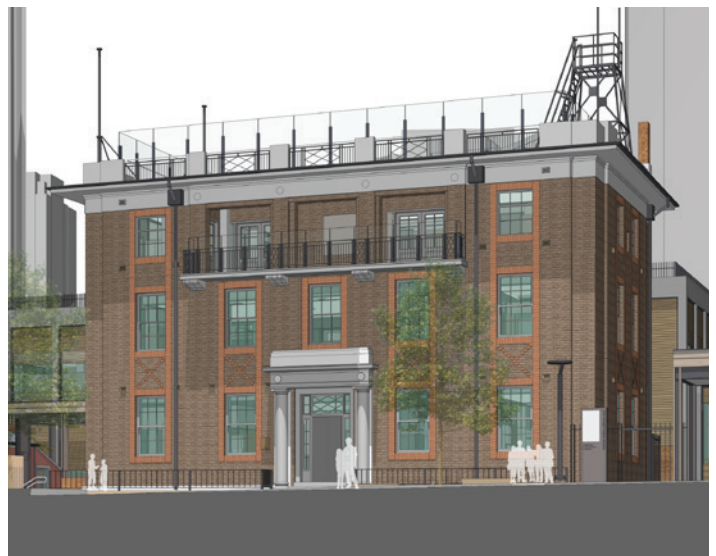
The Bureau of Meteorology Building (MET Building) will be revived as part of the Fort Street Public School upgrade, with a major refurbishment that acknowledges its exceptional heritage significance.

Located centrally on the Fort Street Public School site, the MET Building was originally constructed in 1922 to house equipment for meteorological observations before being transferred to the Department of Education.

The ground floor and level 1 will be fully refurbished to accommodate the Fort Street Public School library. Level 2 will be fully refurbished to accommodate special programs. Access to the rooftop will be restored for educational learning opportunities.



The MET Building in 1932



Artist impression of the MET Building upgrade

Progress summary

- Main works construction has started with demolition works nearing completion.
- Demolition of the former Environmental Education Centre has finished, to make way for a new hall, classrooms and administration facilities.
- Civil works have started, including foundational works and preparation for service upgrades.

Next steps

- Continue low voltage power upgrade works between High Street, Millers Point and Observatory Point. These works will provide increased power supply to the school.
- Start steel works to establish building frameworks across the site in early 2022.

COVID-19 delays

Construction has been affected by COVID-19 and continues to limit the number of workers and suppliers that are able to work on site. Our team is working closely with the contractor to understand the ongoing impact on the project.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to deliver this important project. We will continue to provide updated information about project construction schedules and delivery dates when available.

Construction activities are progressing in line with the NSW Government's COVID-19 Guidelines. A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan is in place for our construction sites.

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