



Artist impression of the Fort Street Public School upgrade

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Project update

September 2020

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 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.

Progress summary

An exciting milestone has been reached as the upgrade to Fort Street Public School has received funding approval. This means that once approval for the State Significant Development (SSD) application is received work on the upgrade can begin.

Update on the State Significant Development application

We received 24 submissions from the community and government agencies about the State Significant Development (SSD) application for the Fort Street Public School upgrade. School Infrastructure NSW has now formally responded to all of these submissions through its response to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

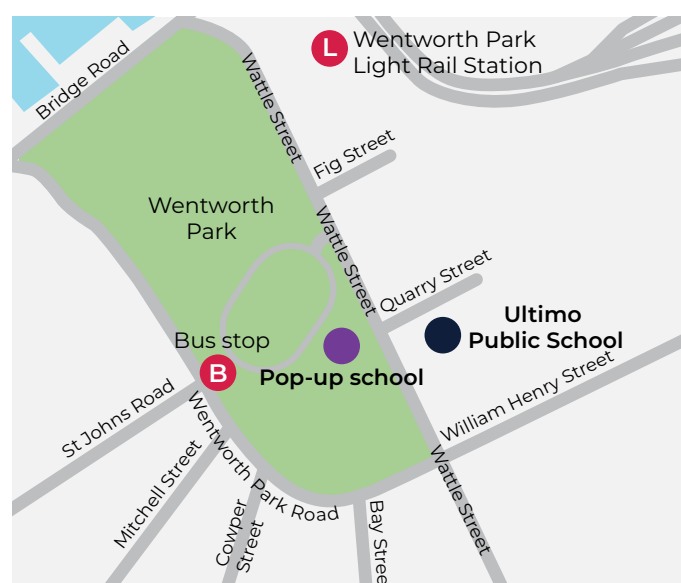
Read our formal response to submissions at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/13596>.

The SSD application for this project is being fast tracked by DPIE. Main works will begin soon after planning approval is received.

Next steps

Moving to the pop-up school on Day 1, Term 4

Fort Street Public School's first day in Wentworth Park's pop-up school will be the first day of Term 4, Monday 12 October 2020. Prior to the move, we will be providing you with an information pack that has detailed instructions outlining what students can expect on their first day.



Location of the Wentworth Park pop-up school

Results of the second survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the second online survey about relocating to the pop-up school. Your answers to this survey have helped us better understand your transport plans and after-school care arrangements. We have answered the most frequently raised questions about these below.

Bus service

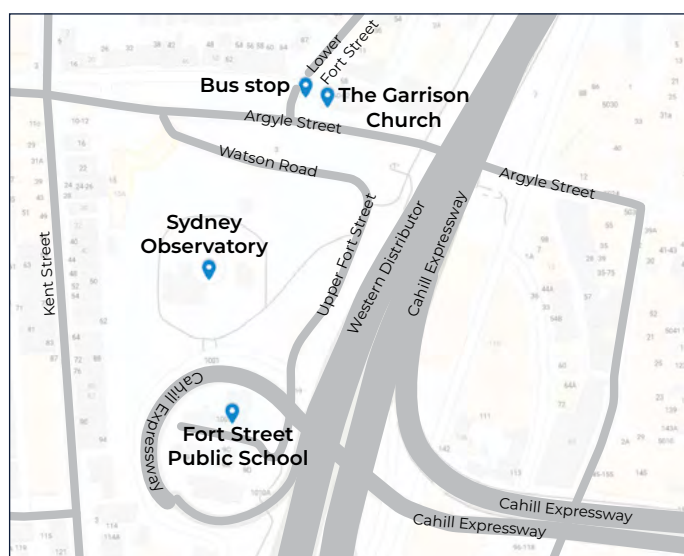
We understand that around half of students plan to use the bus service in the mornings and afternoons. The school will be distributing registration forms for families to formally register their children for the bus service.

Bus stop and times

Bus stop address: Garrison Church, 60 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point

Departs: around 8:30am (exact time to be confirmed)

Returns: around 3:30pm (exact time to be confirmed)



Location of the bus pick-up and drop-off point in Millers Point

How many buses will there be?

We expect that two buses will be used in both the morning and afternoons.

Will there be teacher supervision on the buses?

Yes, there will be one teacher on each bus.

Can buses leave at different times?

No. We need students to leave at the same time each day to ensure each student gets a place on the bus and arrives at school in time for classes to start at 9:00am.

Where will the bus stop be at Wentworth Park?

The bus stop near the Wentworth Park pop-up school will be on Wentworth Park Road across from St Johns Road.

Will there be another bus stop?

No. Millers Point was determined to be the most practical location for the bus service to depart and return given its proximity to the existing school site.

What happens if my child misses the bus?

It's the responsibility of parents and carers to find alternative transport arrangements for their child if they miss the bus.

How do I register my child for the bus service?

The school will be sending out the registration form via CareMonkey.

Do I need an Opal Card to use the bus?

No. The bus service will be offered for free as part of the temporary relocation to the Wentworth Park pop-up school.

After school care services

The results from the second online survey show that many students will be using the OSH Club at the pop-up school or the King George V Recreation Centre after school service in Millers Point. We understand that some students might be changing their current after school arrangements once they start at the pop-up school. If you plan to use the OSH Club or KGV, it's important that you read the information below.

OSH Club at the pop-up school

Please contact OSH Club to register via oshclub.com.au. An information sheet is also available from the school office. This applies to those who want to start using this service as well as those who are already using the OSH Club.

King George V Recreation Centre after school service

Please contact King George V Recreation Centre (KGV) on 02 9244 3616 or kgvcp@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au, if you want to use their after school service once your child starts at the pop-up school. This applies to students who are currently attending KGV and those who want to start attending KGV once they start at the pop-up school.

Why has the planning approval for this project been fast tracked?

This project is in the sixth wave of projects that will have their assessments fast tracked. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will make a

decision on the SSD applications for the sixth tranche of projects by Friday 9 October 2020. This will mean the projects can get underway sooner and the overall construction pipeline can continue to grow.

Does this mean the usual checks and community consultation will be waived to fast track the projects?

The assessment process is being accelerated, not changed. The usual planning rules and policies will apply, and all projects will be assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Will the community still get to have a say on projects that are being fast-tracked?

All of the projects being fast tracked have completed the substantive planning work and are post the exhibition and community consultation phase. School Infrastructure NSW will continue to engage and inform the community throughout the project. Due to the need to meet requirements under Public Health Orders, a range of digital engagement tools will be used to communicate with the community and stakeholders to seek any comment or feedback. This will include digital project updates, online sharing of information session material, the School Infrastructure NSW website, community information line and mailbox.

When will main construction work begin?

Main works construction will begin soon after planning approval is received from DPIE. We will notify local residents and businesses prior to work starting.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust?

The contractor will implement dust and noise control measures. Dust and noise are minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

Will utility services be interrupted as part of construction?

SINSW co-ordinates upgrades or new supplies with local providers to minimise disruption. In the event that there will be any disruption to the local area, we will notify businesses and residents well in advance.

What will the construction hours be?

School Infrastructure NSW works with local council and stakeholders to minimise the impact of construction works on the local community. This means that we comply with the local council's standard working hours. Adherence to these guidelines is often a condition of development approval. Work hours are 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday and 7:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

Who can I contact about the work?

You can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

For more information contact:

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