



Artist impression of the Green Square Public School

Green Square Public School and Community Spaces

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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 Green Square Public School and Community Spaces will be delivered by the Department of Education in partnership with the City of Sydney. It will provide fit-for-purpose learning spaces and core facilities to meet enrolment demand in the area as well as a range of spaces for community use.

The school will be located in Green Square on the former Royal South Sydney Hospital site on Joynton Avenue. This project is jointly funded by the NSW Government and City of Sydney and will include flexible teaching spaces, a library and canteen, staff rooms, administrative offices and amenities, a covered outdoor learning area (COLA), multipurpose spaces (community and shared spaces), out of school hours care (OSHC), a games court and adjacent courtyard (shared spaces).

Progress summary

We have almost finished the work to remove the structures found underneath the construction site during the early stage of the project.

Next steps

We will continue to prepare the site for construction over the coming months, this includes remediation of the site as outlined in the [November 2022 project update at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/g/green-square-public-school.html](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/g/green-square-public-school.html). Following these works, we will begin the construction phase known as 'groundworks'. Groundworks includes



levelling the site and digging the trenches that will hold water drainage and sewerage systems as well as laying cables which will provide services like electricity and internet to the new facilities.

Safety on site

Safety of the community and our workers is a priority and site specific safety measures are adhered to daily at the site of the new facilities. All work conducted on the site is being done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the sites specific Remediation Action Plan. This plan can be viewed on the City of Sydney's e-planning website at <https://eplanning.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/>, [reference D/2020/923/A](#).

As part of the precautionary measures, some workers onsite will continue to wear personal protective equipment such as hazardous materials suits when required during the entire construction period. These are precautionary measures and not due to unsafe level of contaminants on site. Precautionary measures to ensure the safety of the community and our workers also include conducting daily air monitoring, hosing down as a dust suppressant measure and using a spotter whose role it is to hose down any dust generating work and constant assessment of the impact from the environment, such as high winds.

Main works update

We expect to begin the main works component of the project in the coming months. The main works will start with foundation works to ensure the new structures are built on solid ground, making the site ready for construction.

This work will use structures known as 'piles and footings'. Piles or piers are structural columns which are inserted into the ground throughout the base of new buildings. The job of these columns is to distribute the weights of the structure evenly. A piling rig machine will be used to drill holes and insert these piles to a depth of approximately 5 metres.

Once the piling works are finished there will be approximately 500 piles inserted into the ground throughout the new facilities.

Footings are reinforced concrete structures that sit in trenches throughout the base of the new buildings. Footings provide the support required to balance the weight of the new buildings and prevent them from sinking. Both footings and piles play an important role in ensuring a well-engineered foundation of the new school and community spaces.

We are working with the building contractor to develop the detailed program for the main works component of the project. Once the program is finalised and remediation activities are finished, we will provide an update about expected start and finish timelines for the project.

More information will be shared with the community before we start the main works component of this project.

Get in touch

All information about the project can be found by going to www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au and searching for [Green Square Primary School and Community Spaces](#). If you have any feedback or questions about this project please contact us on the details below.

We thank the community for your patience as we deliver this important piece of infrastructure.

