



Artist impression of the Galungara Public School

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Project update

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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.

Project overview

A project is underway to deliver the new Galungara Public School on Farmland Drive, Schofields to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 19 new flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- administration and staff facilities.

The new primary school is designed to accommodate up to 500 students from K-6 and to allow for future expansion of up to 1000 students.

Progress summary

Main construction works are progressing well, with all DfMA school buildings now delivered and installed on site.

Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) methods were used, including constructing school buildings offsite. This reduces the impact to local residents and saves time when compared to traditional builds.

Next steps

Planned works over the coming months include:

- Earthworks across the site
- Construction of retaining walls
- Installation of structural steel in the hall and COLA
- Lining internal walls and ceilings in all buildings
- Landscaping works to start.

Work hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday and Sunday inclusive of Public Holidays.

Principal's message

It's official! Galungara Public School is born!

Situated on traditional Darug land the school name recognises the continuing heritage of the first inhabitants. The name, "Galungara", is a Darug word which translates to 'the stem' or 'the flower stalk' of the *Xanthorrhoea Australis* (grass tree).

An ancient species, the *Xanthorrhoea* tree which grows in south-eastern Australia, produces a resin that has been used by aboriginal people for thousands of years to make traditional tools and adornments and which continued in contemporary culture.

A strong sense of 'connection' has been created through the school's name, emblem, building identifiers, playground space and uniform, and acknowledging our Darug predecessors.

Tracy Anderson, Principal

Frequently asked questions

What is Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA)?

DfMA is a design and construction process combining off-site and on-site assembly to deliver infrastructure. This process allows better use of limited land supply and minimises impact to schools and local communities, as new permanent buildings and upgrades are delivered in shorter timeframes.

What are the benefits of DfMA?

- Time savings
- Minimises impact on school operations
- Improved health, safety & productivity
- Upskills the workforce
- Improved sustainability
- Opportunity to reduce cost.

Will the school be completed in time?

The forecast completion for the school is early 2021.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust?

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels is managed in strict accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Dust is minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

Where are the school entry and exit points and kiss and drop area?

School pedestrian entry and exit points are on Farmland Drive and the soon to be constructed Pelican Road. The kiss and drop area will be located off Farmland Drive. There will be no pedestrian or vehicle entry to the school from Jerralong Drive.

When will enrolments be accepted?

The school is accepting enrolments for Day 1, Term 1, 2021. Enrolment packages are available to collect at Hambledon, Riverbank and Schofields Public Schools. You can also download an application to enrol in a NSW Government school here: education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-publicschool/enrolment.

Once completed, please bring the Application to Enrol, along with all original documentation to Mrs Kristie Edwards at Riverbank Public School, 25 Wentworth Street, The Ponds.

Enrolments will be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Department of Education guidelines. A student is able to enrol at the new primary school if their permanent and principal residence is located within the school catchment area.

For enrolment enquiries, please contact the school's Administration Manager, Rebecca Dawson on 0439 487 786.

What is the school catchment / enrolment area?

The NSW Department of Education has confirmed the school catchment area for the new primary school. The catchment for the new primary school was informed by demographic advice about projected enrolments in the Schofields area and in consultation with local primary school Principals. The Department's process for enrolments in public primary schools will apply.

For a closer look at the catchment go to my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder.

How can I find out more information about school operations?

To find out up to date information about school operations from the Galungara Public School Principal, please visit the school website or Sway platform by following the web link or scanning the QR code.

School website:
<https://galungara-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

School Sway platform:
<https://sway.office.com/cliEn61r12dyK3JT?ref=Link&loc=play>

Keeping you updated

We will keep you updated and provide more information about construction in the coming months. You can contact us using the information below.

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