



Example of upgraded school facilities in NSW

Gillieston Public School redevelopment

Project update | March 2023

Investing in our schools

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 NSW Government is increasing its investment in public education infrastructure, with funding for 23 new and upgraded school projects announced as part of the NSW 2022/23 Budget. This includes funding for the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School to replace the current existing demountables on site with permanent facilities.

Progress summary

Early drafts of the master plan were presented to the project reference group in December 2023. Since then we have further developed the plan in consultation with the school and technical stakeholders, and expect to be able to share it with the community in mid-2023.

Geotechnical and due diligence testing of the ground conditions took place over the summer school holidays. These investigations help us understand the condition of the site, which will help to inform the design and location of the buildings. The results of these reports will be considered as we continue to develop the design.

School Infrastructure NSW has met with Maitland City Council to discuss the roads bordering the school. These discussions will help finalise the master plan design by confirming the future traffic and transport arrangement for the school redevelopment.



This project is in the planning phase, and we will soon be lodging a business case which seeks approval to proceed. Once this approval is received, next steps will include working with consultants on a detailed design and statutory planning approvals.

Update on minor works

Separate to the capital works project, the local asset management unit has been delivering a number of projects at Gillieston Public School. The following progress has been made since December 2022:

- The covered walkways to the main path and demountable refurbishment works were finished in late 2022.
- The out of school hours care (OSHC) demountable was finished and handed over in December 2022.
- The ramp to the canteen/hall was finished over the summer holidays, ready for use by Day 1 Term 1 2023.
- The new security fence to the school perimeter is underway and expected to be finished by late March 2023.
- New demountables for toilets and classrooms were put in, ready for use by Day 1 Term 1 2023. Construction will start soon on the additional covered walkway extension. The works are approved and materials have been ordered. This is expected to be finished in time for Day Term 2 2023.
- The geotechnical survey and investigations for the sewer upgrade were finished in 2022. Design has started on the preferred option that will accommodate the existing infrastructure, future growth and be able to be adapted to integrate with the redevelopment project. Hunter Water has been consulted to notify of pending approvals.

Work hours – minor works

All work will be carried out during standard construction hours which are Monday to Friday 7 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 8 am to 1 pm. No works will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless notified.

If you have any queries or concerns about the project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au

For the latest information, visit the project webpage:

https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/g/gillieston_public_school_redevelopment.html

