



Example of an upgraded public school play area

# Gillieston Public School redevelopment

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## Project overview

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

The 2023-24 Budget has committed funding to progress the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School to replace the current existing demountables on site with permanent facilities.

As part of the NSW Government's commitment to deliver expanded access to early childhood education, a new on-site public preschool will also be built at the school.

## Progress summary

Work on the master plan and concept design for the site has continued in consultation with the school and technical stakeholders. Master planning and concept design are the first two of four design phases and provide a high level vision for the school. The final designs will be determined in future design phases in consultation with stakeholders. We are working to ensure we can show the community these updated designs shortly.

The results of the geotechnical and due diligence testing of the ground conditions were examined, which has helped us understand the condition of the site as we continue to plan for the design and location of the buildings.

## Update on minor works

Separate to the redevelopment project, upgrades have been made to the existing facilities at Gillieston Public School. The following progress has been made since March 2023:

- The external walls of Block D were repainted and ground remediation works near the building, including laying new turf, were finished in early Term 2 2023.
- The new security fence to the school perimeter was finished in May 2023.



- Construction of the additional covered walkway was finished in June 2023.
- Additional covered walkways and refurbishment of the kitchen in Block D was finished in July 2023.
- Internal work on Block A, including painting, carpet replacement and minor building repairs, was finished in July 2023.
- An electrical upgrade to increase power capacity to the school was finished and an additional demountable to cater for increased enrolments was installed in time Day 1 Term 1 2024.
- The geotechnical survey and investigations for the sewer upgrade have been finished and Hunter Water has been consulted. Design has started on the preferred option that will accommodate the existing infrastructure, future growth and be adaptable to integrate with the redevelopment project.

## Next steps

We will continue to refine the design for the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School while considering the needs of the school, community, and the complexities of the site and the area's distinctive character.

For the latest information, visit the project webpage: [edu.nsw.link/Gillieston-PS](https://edu.nsw.link/Gillieston-PS) or scan the QR code.

If you have any queries or concerns about the project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours via the contact details below.

