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. In addition, a record $1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Lake Cathie Public School

A project is underway at Lake Cathie Public School. This project will deliver 17 new flexible learning spaces, including two specialist learning spaces, a new school hall, refurbishment of the existing school hall into a new library and special programmes unit, a new bus bay and landscaping works.

Progress summary

Planning approval was granted by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in January 2020. Site establishment was completed by the builder AW Edwards in March 2020 to prepare for main construction works. Demolition of the existing COLA was completed during Term 1.

Concept and schematic designs have been finalised and discussions are ongoing with the school to confirm the detailed designs.

Term 1 school holiday works

Construction works will continue at Lake Cathie Public School over the Term 1 school holidays. These works will focus on progressing Blocks E, F and G to provide new flexible, learning spaces to students.

Works, including in ground trenching and service installation, are due to be undertaken to prepare the foundations for Blocks E and F.

Detailed excavations works will be undertaken in preparation for pouring the Block F ground floor slab and installation of the building's footing beams. Works will continue to prepare for pouring the floor slab for Block G.

We are here to make sure this work is carried out safely and efficiently. During this time we will be working collaboratively with the school community and neighbours to ensure disruptions are minimised to the wider community.
Frequently asked questions

What are the construction working hours?
In line with the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules while on construction sites by distributing building work across the week.

Each school project will determine whether there is a need to adopt the new rule on its site depending on the stage of the project, the type of work being performed, and the number of workers required on site to complete that work. School Infrastructure NSW will notify the local community of any changes to standard construction hours for each project and will ensure work is considerate of neighbours with noise kept to a minimum.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across New South Wales. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

What safety measures will be in place?
The health and safety of the community is our highest priority. Temporary fencing has been installed around the construction site to secure the area and prevent public access.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?
In line with the Construction Management Plan, the contractor will continue to implement dust and noise control measures.

Dust is minimised with hoarding and ensuring all vehicles exiting the site are clean. Dust is also controlled by spraying water during earth works whenever permissible under water-use restrictions.

How will traffic be managed?
Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of students, staff, the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used where required to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

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