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Lake Cathie Public School

Information pack
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Artist impression of the Lake Cathie Public School upgrade

An upgrade is underway at Lake Cathie Public School. The project will deliver:



17 new flexible learning spaces, including 2 specialist learning spaces



A new hall



A new bus bay



Landscaping works



Refurbishment of the existing school hall into a new library and a special programs unit

Project overview

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, along with a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Planning process

The State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the Lake Cathie Public School upgrade has been approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Site establishment works are underway in preparation for main construction works. Site fencing and hoarding are being installed to separate the construction site from the school and main construction works are anticipated to commence in early 2020.

The concept and schematic designs have been finalised and discussions are ongoing with the school to confirm the schematic designs.

Frequently asked questions

Will the upgrade be staged?

Yes the upgrade to Lake Cathie Public School will be staged to ensure the school remains operational during construction and to minimise disruption to learning. This project is planned to be delivered in three stages.

Stage One has two components, Stages 1a and 1b. Stage 1a involves dismantling the Covered Outdoor Learning Area, demolition and excavation works and construction of Blocks E, F and G.

Stage 1b involves the construction of the new bus bay. Stage One is anticipated to start in early 2020 and be completed in late 2020.

Further details will be made available for Stages Two and Three which involves the construction of the school hall, refurbishment of the hall into a library and two specialist learning spaces and landscaping.

What are the construction working hours?

Works will take place from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Mondays to Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless notified. The community will be kept informed of any changes to the approved working hours.

What steps will be taken to control dust and noise impacts?

Hoarding and shade cloth are being erected to reduce dust and noise impacts on the school and our neighbours. Dust from demolition and construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads.

A particular focus has been placed on ensuring there is minimal noise during school hours. When potentially disruptive work needs to be carried out, advance notice will be provided to the school community and neighbours.

What is happening to Collector Road?

Discussions are underway to have Collector Road, the road to the rear of the school site, dedicated to Local Council and converted into a public road. We will provide the school with an update on the outcome of these discussions soon.

How will traffic be managed?

As part of the SSDA requirements, a traffic management plan will be put in place for the duration of construction. This plan will determine how traffic will be managed for the duration of construction.

All construction vehicles will use the existing Ocean Street vehicle entrance to access the construction site. This entrance will be shared with the school community for the duration of construction. It is anticipated that construction vehicles will arrive and depart the school prior to peak drop off and pick up times and traffic controllers will monitor the driveway during these times.

What steps will you take to ensure the safety of the school community?

Health and safety is our highest priority. We are working collaboratively with the school to ensure that construction works will be scheduled and managed to minimise impacts where possible.

The construction site will be fenced and signed, with physical and visual separation of the construction area and neighbouring school grounds. Students and staff will be prohibited from entering the construction site.

Neighbours who may be potentially impacted by construction works, including any work conducted outside of approved hours, will receive a works notification providing advance notice.

Will the kiss and drop zone or bus bay be impacted?

The existing kiss and drop zone and bus bay will continue to operate as normal during Stage One. All road works are scheduled to be completed within Stage 1 of the project to minimise the impact on parking during peak hours such as drop off and pick up.

Will there be a change to the school entrances?

The existing school entrance on Ocean Drive will continue to operate as normal.

How long will the project take?

The project is due to commence in early 2020 and is forecast for completion in late 2022.

Timeline

