



Artist impression of the new hall. Indicative only

Lane Cove Public School

Project update | May 2024

Project overview

A project is underway to replace the school hall and canteen facilities at Lane Cove Public School which were destroyed in a fire in 2020. The project has already delivered a new school canteen and restored the adjacent playground area. A new school hall with an attached covered outdoor learning area (COLA) is now under construction.

Progress summary and next steps

Construction works have restarted at Lane Cove Public School. Early works over the coming months will include:

- completing the installation of the hall roof, remaining windows, and doors
- completing the installation of the new fire hydrant booster
- pouring the concrete for the new covered walkway and tiered seating
- removing and replacing damaged gyprock, and
- installing the external cladding of the building.

Once the concrete works are complete and the building is watertight, internal works, such as electrical and plumbing installation can begin.

Completion timeline

A construction program has been developed which anticipates handing over the school hall in late 2024, weather permitting.

We understand the frustration of the school community, which has been without its hall since 2020 and the department is working hard to complete this project so the school can use these facilities for the end of year celebrations.

We will continue to provide regular updates as works progresses.

Frequently asked questions

What works have started on site?

Site re-establishment works began in April 2024 which involved installing site sheds, conducting site investigation works, assessing defects, and preparing the site for construction.

Why did it take so long to restart works on site?

The project was delayed due to the original building contractor going into liquidation in March 2023, resulting in price increases to most trades during the retendering process. The additional costs required additional administrative tasks to be undertaken before the funds could be approved, because this project is funded from an insurance claim.

Unfortunately, resolving these various issues before the new contractor was able to mobilise on site took longer than expected.

It was communicated that there was only a few months left of works when Lloyd Group went into administration, is this still the case?

A new building contractor was engaged by the department in September 2023. Their first job was to undertake a detailed assessment to examine the construction program previously provided by Lloyd Group, and compare it to the works that were completed, finished or planned. During this stage, the new building contractor identified material that had been damaged due to the project being ceased, worked to reestablish the site and rectify existing works so they could be warranted and certified.

The actual program of works is longer than what was originally anticipated.

We recognise these delays are frustrating for the school community and are working to ensure the new program of works accurately reflect the new timeline for completion.

Will the new school hall be ready for students to use for the end of year celebrations?

Weather permitting, we anticipate the hall will be completed before the end of this year, so that it can be used by students for their end of year celebrations.

Contact us

If you have any questions about this update, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on the details below.

We thank the community for your patience as we deliver this important piece of infrastructure. To keep updated about the project please visit the project webpage at <https://edu.nsw.link/LaneCovePSproject> or on the QR below.

