

Lennox Head Public School

Community Update

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Project overview

The NSW Department of Education is continuing planning to deliver an upgrade at Lennox Head Public School. The project aims to deliver new teaching spaces and core facilities to support the growing local community.

Work is underway to review the project to deliver solutions that meet the needs of the whole community. This includes consideration of the site's size and unique cultural heritage, as well as population and enrolment trends for the wider area.

We are committed to working with key stakeholders to explore new designs and site layout options to minimise any potential heritage impact at this important site, and identify innovative options that also minimise impact to teaching and learning during construction.

Since planning first started on the upgrade project, the local population and student enrolments have continued to grow. The department is assessing the latest data and trends, but also recognises that the Lennox Head Public School site is constrained by its size.

In determining the right design for the school upgrade, the project team needs to ensure it can meet the guidelines for open play space for students, as well as consider access points and other impacts like traffic that will result from a larger school with more students.

Managing enrolments

The department is closely assessing population and residential development trends across the Ballina and Lennox Head area and a number of strategies are planned to manage enrolment to NSW schools in the local area.

In addition to the upgrade project at Lennox Head Public School, enrolment management mechanisms will also be implemented to ensure every student has a place at a local public school.

The department is working closely with school leadership to assess options that reduce the intake area of Lennox Head Public School, alleviating pressure and making better use of nearby schools that are able to accommodate additional students.

We need to reduce the number of students on site long term in the interest of safety and to provide students with a better learning environment and play space.

The enrolment of non-local students and their siblings will be managed by applying the department's enrolment policy and procedures.

These considerations are in the interest of student wellbeing and take into account the short, medium and long term needs of the schools in the area. More information will be shared with parents, guardians and the school community soon, including timing of this intake area change.

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Maintenance works

The local School Infrastructure NSW office will continue to work closely with school leadership to ensure we are able to support the educational learning outcomes of every local student.

Planned maintenance works is continuing at Lennox Head Public School including the recent upgrades to fencing, returfing grounds, reroofing temporary buildings, and new carpets, furniture and pinboards.

Additional works have been identified, including painting some buildings and replacing the play equipment soft fall, and will be progressed in school holidays to minimise disruption to the school.

Keeping you informed

We will continue to work with the school leadership and other stakeholders to plan the upgrade project.

We will ensure the community is kept informed of progress and provide opportunities to speak to the project team and view project designs as they are developed.

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