

Frequently Asked Questions

What we've heard

We have been engaging with the community throughout the design and construction the Manly Vale Public School upgrade. Here are some of the frequently asked questions:

Q: Is the delivery of Manly Vale Public School upgrade on track?

Yes. The Manly Vale Public School upgrade is expected to be delivered in early 2020.

- Stage 1 is expected to be completed by day 1, Term 1 2019 and will deliver a 40 classroom block, library, canteen, and covered outdoor learning area.
- Stage 2 is expected to be completed by day 1, Term 1 2019 and will deliver a new hall as well refurbishments to the existing administration building.
- The demolition of the existing hall is also expected to be complete by day 1, Term 1 2019.
- External works and landscaping will continue during the 2019 school year.

Q: When will Manly Vale Public School be accepting increased enrolments?

There is significant growth in the population of school-aged children and the upgrade of Manly Vale Public School is being delivered to accommodate growing student enrolments within the area.

Students will move into the new modern learning spaces day 1, Term 1 2019.

The school has been built to meet future demand. The onboarding of qualified staff and enrolments of new students will happen gradually.

The school catchment area has not changed and out of area enrolments will not be accepted in 2019. The NSW Department of Education will continually review the catchment area for Manly Vale Public School and surrounding schools. Revised catchment areas will be published on the School Finder website.

Q: How will traffic around the school be managed as the school grows?

In the Development Application, there is a Traffic Control Plan. The Traffic Control Plan addresses:

- pick up and set down areas
- bus zones
- wombat crossing.

No changes to traffic management are required for current enrolments. Once enrolments reach 550, a 'wombat crossing' will be installed, the bus zones will be extended to accommodate three buses and five-minute parking zones will be extended.

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Once student numbers head towards 1,000, other traffic measures will be put in place including converting council spaces to two minutes, installation of flashing lights for school zones, installation of a gravel surface car park and staggering school start and finish times.

Q: Is the project being delivered in an environmentally-responsible way?

The Department is aware of local residents' concerns about stormwater run-off from the site. Stormwater and sedimentation management plans (included in the approved DA), have been in place since the commencement of the project. The Department has directed the contractor to make further improvements to the sediment controls.

Q: The upgrade has seen the installation of a high security fence. Why is this fencing necessary?

The safety of students at Manly Vale Public School is paramount.

The fencing installed around the school site is a secured fence line as per Department of Education security requirements.

The security fence is an essential feature of the upgrade and it brings the school into line with best practice for safe schooling.

Q: What are innovative learning and teaching facilities?

Innovative learning prepares students across all curriculum areas and learning stages with skills and capabilities to thrive in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. It connects students and engages their sense of curiosity.

Teaching staff at Manly Vale Public School have been undertaking professional development innovative learning throughout 2017 and 2018 to ensure they're ready to provide best practice teaching in the new classrooms. With the support of Principal, Tina Lee, and upskilled teachers, students at Manly Vale Public School are set to thrive in their new modern-learning environment next year.

More information?

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