

Melrose Park Public School redevelopment

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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

Project overview

The redevelopment of Melrose Park Public School will provide new classrooms and core facilities to meet anticipated enrolment growth in the area. The project is currently in the planning phase and will include:

- new classrooms and support learning classrooms
- new staff administration facilities
- a new library
- a new hall and covered outdoor learning area (COLA).

The final scope of the upgrade will be subject to business case and statutory planning approvals.

Progress summary

Over the last few months, the project team has continued to work with architects to develop masterplan options for the redeveloped school. A business case is being finalised to secure funding for the project to proceed into delivery.

Connection to Country workshop

There has been ongoing consultation with representatives from the Department of Education and Melrose Park Public School. This included a 'Connection to Country' workshop with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, First Nations employees and local members of the Aboriginal community.

The development of Melrose Park Public School will look to:

- foster and develop connections between teachers, students, the broader community, and Country
- celebrate and connect with Wallumedegal Country through the built form
- create culturally mindful areas both inside the built form and within the landscape.

Next steps

- We will work with internal teams to determine the best planning pathway for the project and start working on preparation for statutory approvals.
- We will continue to keep the community updated. Please visit https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/melrose_park_public_school_redevelopment.html to stay up to date with project progress.



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Planning funding has been allocated for the redevelopment of Melrose Park Public School. The information below takes you through the journey of upgrading or building a new school.

Early planning

- Consideration and studies of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of the existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, heritage requirements, transport links and partnership opportunities.
- Doing so means that we:
 - consider the needs of the local area now and into the future.
 - ensure the right school is designed for the community.
- An important step before an architect or other contractors are appointed and official community engagement commences.

Planning

- Consultants such as architects and project managers are appointed.
- Investigation and review of site and development of master plan options.
- Master planning considers options for the general size, shape and form of buildings for a specific school site.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) is established.
- Operational, educational and service delivery factors are understood and considered by the PRG.
 - A series of preliminary master plan options are considered along with the educational concept and design for the school.
 - A preferred concept design option is identified.
 - Once a preferred option is identified approval is needed in order to progress from planning through to project delivery.

Delivery

- The construction works program to deliver the upgrade to the school is developed in collaboration with the school and where appropriate, the local community.
- Ongoing consultation with Principal, staff and other school users.
- Throughout detailed design and construction updates are provided to the local community.

Approvals

- Workshops continue with school and local community to understand challenges and constraints and identify future requirements.
 - Engagement of technical specialists, local councils and other government agencies.
- Statutory planning approval process.
 - Opportunity for local community to view and provide feedback upon submission of the Development Application.
- Scope of work and concept design is further defined.

