

Millthorpe Public School

Information pack | December 2021



Artist impression of the heritage building and new learning hub from Park Street

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Project overview

A project is underway to upgrade Millthorpe Public School to bring students the latest educational facilities and support the local community. A Development Application (DA) to deliver the new project is currently being considered by Blayney Shire Council. The upgrade, which includes a new two-storey learning hub, will deliver:



10 new flexible learning spaces



A new library with reading areas



Practical activity areas



Upgrades to administration area and new staff rooms



Internal renovations to heritage Block B



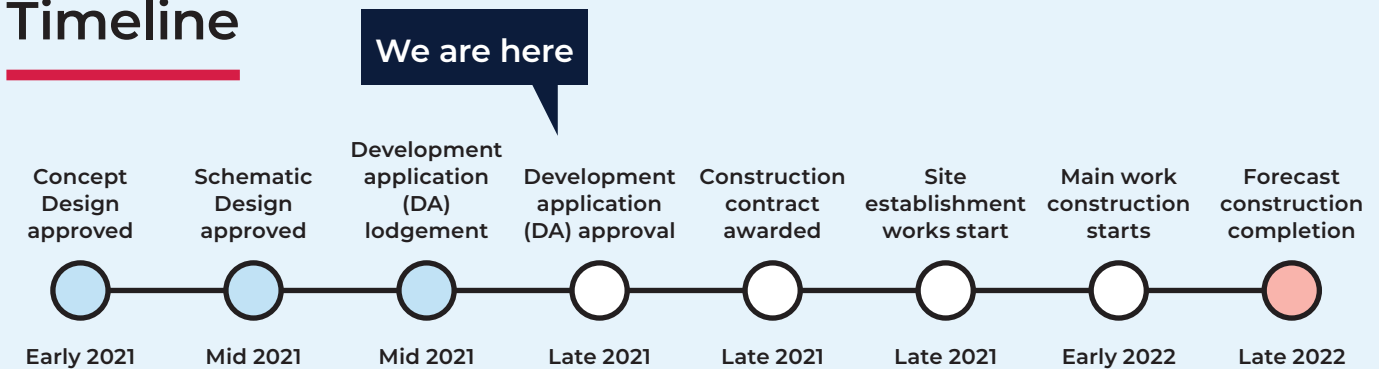
New covered outdoor areas and walkways

Progress summary

When the DA is approved, a builder will be appointed and we would expect site establishment works preparing for construction to start in late 2021. These works will include:

- Demolition of existing computer lab
- Setting up of temporary fencing to establish firm site boundary
- Setting up of a temporary site office and construction amenities

Timeline



What you can expect during construction

Construction work will be coordinated in stages to prioritise safety, amenity and to minimise disruption.

- early site establishment and demolition of existing computer lab
- construction of the new learning hub
- internal refurbishment of heritage Block B

We are currently preparing for early site establishment at Millthorpe PS. Hours during which work will take place will be specified in the conditions laid out in the DA

The safety of students, staff and the community is of paramount importance to SINSW. For projects under construction we take steps to separate the construction site from ongoing school operations. All construction areas at Millthorpe Public School will be fenced off to provide a physical barrier between the site and school operations.

Steps to minimise disruption

For all phases of work a number of measures will be put in place to minimise disruption to the school community and our nearest neighbours. Steps to control dust, noise and sediment will be detailed in the builder's Construction Management Plan (CMP).

We will also seek to contain construction access to site by having all construction vehicles enter via a dedicated site entrance which is separate to all student / staff entries. This area is shown on the site map below.

Traffic management will be implemented when required. This includes the use of onsite traffic control personnel to manage the entry and exit of construction vehicles. Site vehicles must give way to pedestrians at all times.

Site plan

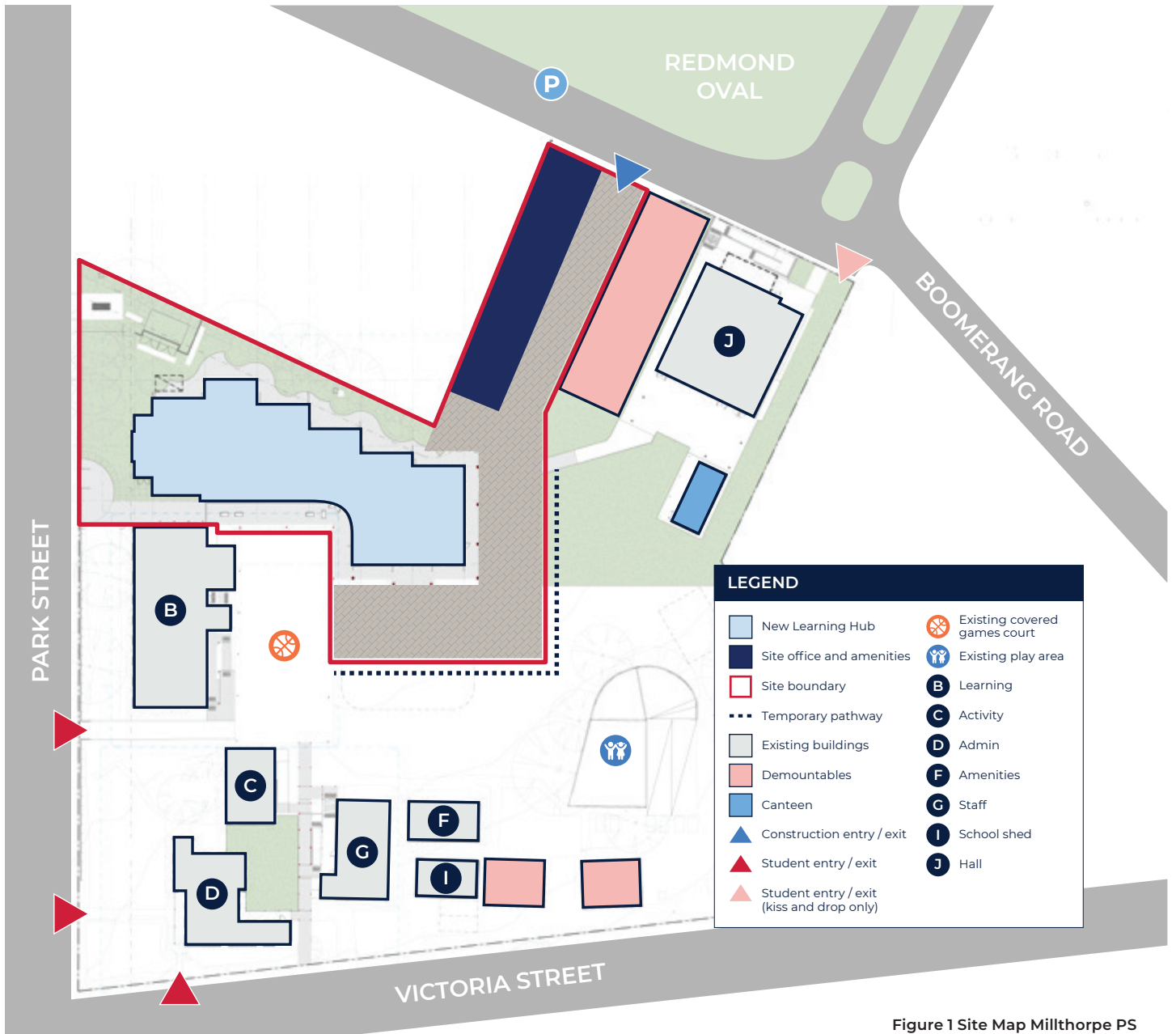


Figure 1 Site Map Millthorpe PS



Artist impression of the new learning hub from north

Frequently asked questions

Will street parking be affected during construction?

The impact of our projects on the local community is considered throughout the planning phase. We work with councils and local communities to identify issues and put in place measures to mitigate the effects.

Entry and exit for all construction traffic during early works at Millthorpe Public School will be via Park Street and will be separate to regular school entry points. In addition, dedicated parking will be provided at Redmond Oval.

What measures will be put in place to ensure compliance with COVID-19 requirements?

We follow the latest Department of Education policy and public health orders in relation to COVID-19 safety. At the moment, all personnel entering an operational school site in NSW are required to be double vaccinated. This applies whether access is required inside or outside of school hours.

In the case of an isolated construction site which is fenced off and separate from the school operations, the requirement does not apply.

During the site establishment phase at Millthorpe Public School, all contractors must comply with double vaccination requirements until such time as the site is isolated by fencing. Until this point, contractors will be required to present themselves at the school reception to check in and provide evidence of their vaccination status.

If at any point during construction the isolated works site requires access through operational school grounds (such as through a driveway also being used by the school), then the double vaccination requirements will apply.

How will the community be kept safe during construction?

The safety of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Throughout the entire construction period rigorous safety and security measures will be put in place. There will be regular consultation with the school to discuss construction progress.

Will utility services be interrupted as part of construction?

SINSW co-ordinates upgrades or new supplies with local providers to minimise disruption. In the event that there will be any disruption to the local area, we will notify businesses and residents well in advance.

Will the existing demountable classrooms be removed at the end of the project?

The Millthorpe Public School upgrade will increase the number of permanent learning spaces available at the school and refurbish existing learning spaces to support modern collaborative learning. We plan therefore to remove all existing demountable classrooms at the end of the project.

Were ecologically sustainable development (ESD) principles considered in the design?

The project will include solar panels to the maximum extent permitted by NSW Government guidelines, as well as a rainwater tank below ground which will enable garden irrigation during dry periods. The existing large trees near the north boundary will also be retained based on advice from an arborist.

Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction work?

If you have any queries or concerns about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

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Stay up to date by visiting the School Infrastructure NSW website schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



Email

Contact the Community Engagement team by emailing schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au



Phone

Contact us between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday on **1300 482 651**