



Millthorpe Public School upgrade

Project update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. 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.

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We are planning for an upgrade of Millthorpe Public School to bring students the latest educational facilities and support the local community.

Planning update

A Project Reference Group (PRG) was established in August 2019 including Department of Education, Millthorpe Public School and P&C leadership representatives. This group also involved project managers, architects and consulting engineers to develop the design.

A preferred design option to meet Millthorpe Public School's future educational and operational requirements has been developed in consultation with the PRG.

Next steps will include obtaining approvals to proceed to the delivery phase and developing the detailed design in consultation with the school and local community.

Keeping you updated

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. We will keep the local school community and residents informed with project update newsletters, information sessions and website updates.

Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please contact us on the details below.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How will the Millthorpe Public School's heritage be respected?

The school is an important part of Millthorpe's history and its original features and character will be maintained as part of the project. The design of the new building will be sympathetic to the existing buildings and all heritage features will be retained.

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.

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The information below takes you through the journey of upgrading a 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.

