

Mona Vale Public School

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Artist impression of the new entrance to Mona Vale Public School

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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.

An upgrade is underway to provide Mona Vale Public School with new and improved education facilities. Benefits will include:



A new building with 6 learning spaces and 3 support classes



Upgraded learning spaces



Upgraded core facilities including a new library



A new performance space



New staff and administration facilities



Improvements to accessibility

Project overview

The upgrade of Mona Vale Public School will deliver: a new learning hub (Block R) containing 6 learning spaces and 3 support classes; a new staff and administration space (within Block R); upgrades and refurbishments to learning spaces, support units, reading rooms, hall, canteen, staff facilities and amenities within Blocks B, D, E and H; refurbishment of Block A including a new library; a new performance space (Block S); removal of Blocks C and G; and improvements to open space and connectivity throughout the school.

Progress summary

Construction started in June 2021. Since then we have:

- completed the refurbishment of Block E, which includes homebases, hall and canteen
- completed external landscaping adjacent to the junior covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- started construction of the new learning hub (Block R)
- started the refurbishment of the homebases and satellite library in Block D
- started construction of an upgrade to the amenities building in Block N
- started earthworks and construction of the new performance space
- completed design and planning for a new library in Block A.



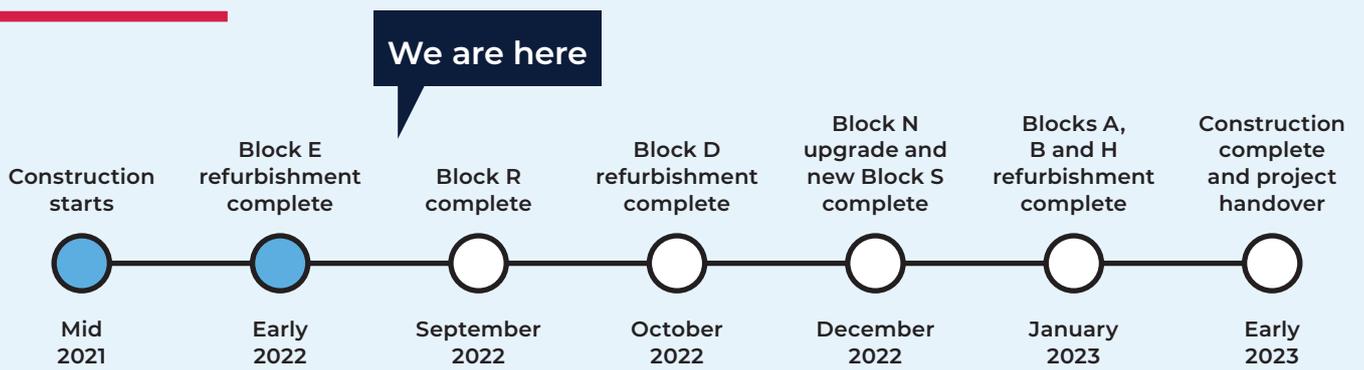
Students enjoying the new hall at Mona Vale Public School

Next steps

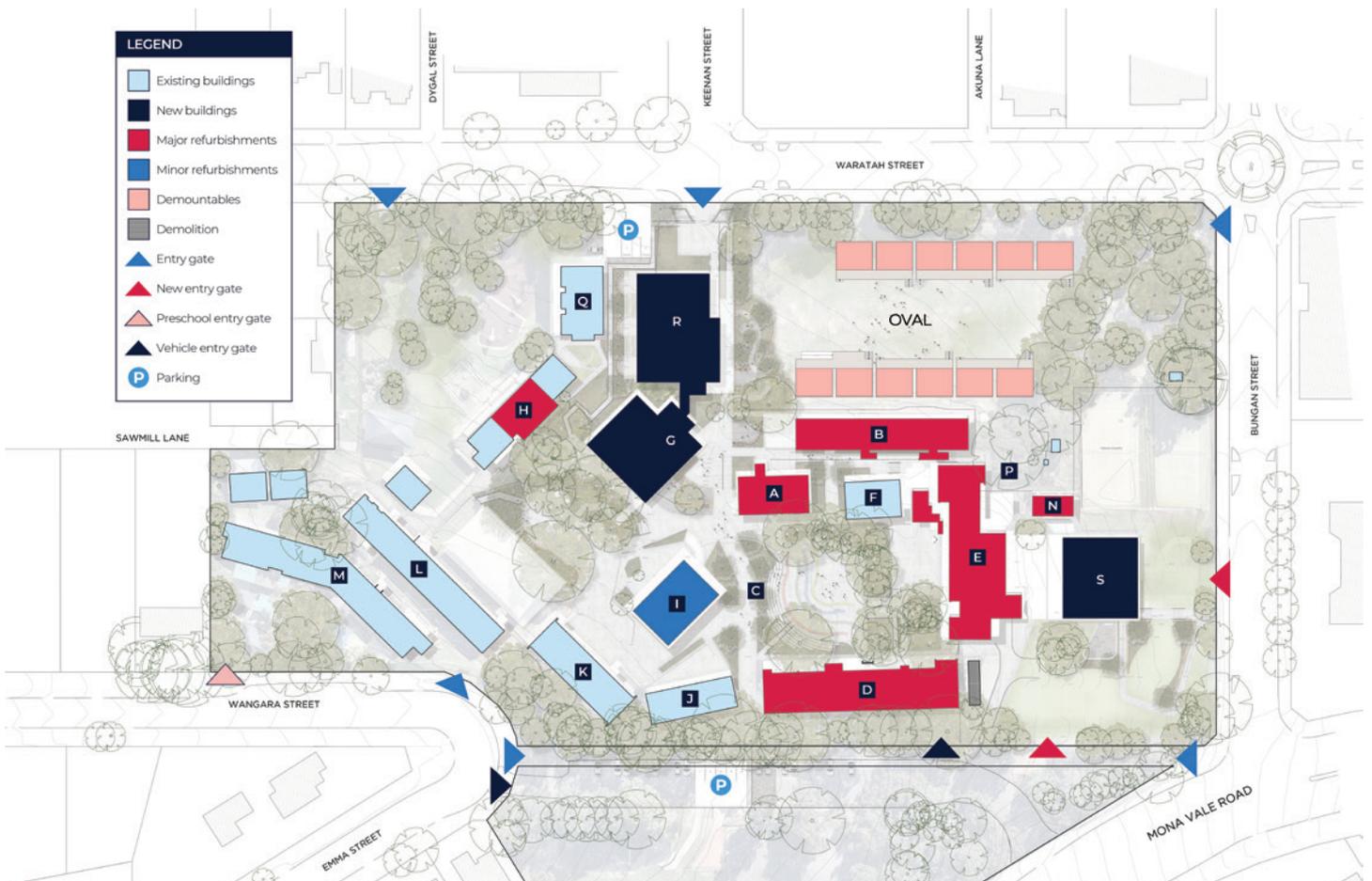
We are expecting to complete the following facilities for the school in the coming months, weather permitting:

- September 2022 – new learning hub (Block R).
- October 2022 – refurbishment of homebases and satellite library (Block D).
- December 2022 – new performance space (Block S) and upgrade to the amenities building (Block N).
- January 2023 – refurbishment and new library in Block A and refurbishment of homebases and teachers' satellite library (Blocks B and H).

Timeline



Site plan



Frequently asked questions

How big will the new performance space be?

The new performance space will accommodate an audience of approximately 200 seated visitors. It will provide a rehearsal and performance space for music, dance and theatre. The performance space will complement the existing school hall and provide dedicated performing arts space for the school and community.

How will the performance space work?

School Infrastructure NSW have been working with Northern Beaches Council to fund and deliver the new performance space in Block S at the school. Once complete, the space will be available for use by the school and wider community.

Are you removing trees as part of the project?

We have had to remove some trees on the school site to accommodate the new buildings and upgrades. We recognise the important role that trees play on the school and have retained as many as possible as part of the project. We will be planting one new tree for every tree removed and adding an additional native tree canopy cover as part of the extensive landscaping phase of the project.

How has the school's heritage been preserved?

We recognise the many heritage features of the school that celebrate Mona Vale Public School's legacy and history, and continue to work in close consultation with the principal to preserve the heritage features on the school grounds. This includes the temporary removal of the school's heritage pavers, original bell and time capsule, all of which will be reinstated before the project is complete.

What are the project's sustainability features?

We acknowledge the important part that sustainability has in the construction and lifecycle of new schools and facilities. We have targeted a 4 star Green Star accreditation for this project which is a Green Building Council of Australia certification that rates how sustainable a facility is.

In addition, solar panels will be installed on the roof of new Block R. Solar panels are designed to absorb the sun's rays as a source of energy for generating electricity, and will help the school save energy.

In keeping with our commitments to sustainability, we have recycled and repurposed materials removed as part of this project where possible.

When will construction be complete?

We have experienced some delays to construction due to adverse weather conditions, however the project remains on target for completion in early 2023.

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