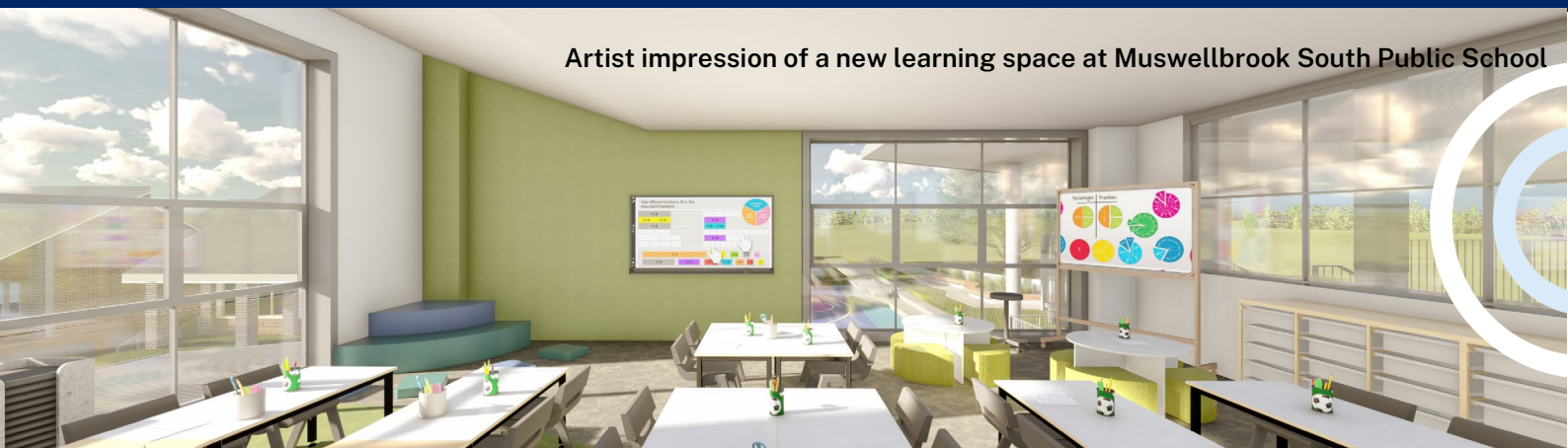


Artist impression of a new learning space at Muswellbrook South Public School



Muswellbrook South Public School Upgrade

Project update | February 2023

Investing in our schools

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.

Project overview

We are bringing you a major upgrade of the Muswellbrook South Public School to support the growing needs of the local community. The project will deliver 13 new and 18 upgraded permanent learning spaces, an upgraded administration building, new outdoor play courts, and outdoor seating and landscaping.

The project is being staged across 4 milestones:

- Milestone 1: Minor refurbishment of Blocks G, H, I and S (finished in January 2022).
- Milestone 2: Construction of new U Block (scheduled to be finished in mid-2023).
- Milestone 3a: Refurbishment of Block A (finished in April 2022).
- Milestone 3b: Refurbishment of Blocks B, C and R (scheduled to be finished in late-2023).

Progress summary

Work on the new U Block (Milestone 2) continued throughout the summer holidays and into 2023. During this period we finished the level 1 framing and level 2 floor slab, columns and framing (wall and roof trusses), and started building the external ramp, stairs and the walls to all areas within the building.

We also finished sewer reticulation works inside the school during the summer holidays. This involved putting in new pipework and connecting it to the existing sewer services within the school grounds. It was especially important to do this work during the holiday period to avoid disturbing school operations.

The weather over the past 3 months has been particularly windy, which generated higher than usual amounts of dust from construction vehicles entering and leaving the site. In December 2022 we increased the use of water carts for dust suppression. To further reduce dust, we put in a temporary sprinkler system in January 2023 with multiple sprinkler heads that run at various times throughout the day depending on truck movements. We are happy to confirm this system has greatly reduced the amount of dust generated from vehicle movements. Thanks to neighbours of the school for their patience while we worked to implement additional control measures.

Next steps

Work will continue on building the new U Block, including concrete pouring, roof sheeting work and putting in a covered outdoor learning area (COLA).

Substation upgrade

As part of the upgrade of Muswellbrook South Public School we will be replacing the existing kiosk electrical substation with a new one at the front of the school on Maitland Street.

Work is scheduled to take place on Sunday 26 February 2023 between 8 am and 5 pm. During this time power supply will be affected to the school and some nearby commercial premises.

All properties that will be affected by the power outage have already been notified by Ausgrid. There will be no impact to other services and the work will be carried out within Ausgrid standards.

More information about planned power outages in the area can be found on the Ausgrid website <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/Outages/Planned-interruptions/>. The reference number for this outage is NECF76517.

Construction work hours

Construction work hours are Monday to Friday, 7 am to 6 pm and Saturday 8 am to 1 pm. No work will be undertaken on Sunday or on public holidays unless notified.

If you have any queries or concerns about the project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

For the latest information, visit the project web page:
<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/muswellbrook-south-public-school-upgrade.html>

Artist impression of the new building in U Block

