



An example of upgraded learning facilities being delivered across NSW

Orange Grove Public School

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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

Orange Grove Public School is being upgraded to include additional classrooms and new core facilities to meet the enrolments needs for the community.

Progress Summary

Informed by community consultation undertaken in 2022 and 2023, the latest version of the proposed masterplan for Orange Grove Public School was shared with the community at an information session on Tuesday 26 March 2024. All of the information shared at the session is now available on the [Orange Grove Public School Upgrade](https://edu.nsw.link/OGPS_Upgrade) project page at https://edu.nsw.link/OGPS_Upgrade.

This updated masterplan has been carefully developed by qualified industry professionals and subject matter experts taking into consideration existing buildings, heritage significance, the Department of Education's Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG), sustainability, cultural landscape significance, tree protection, school's operational needs and Inner West Council feedback.

The revised masterplan addresses the key area of community concern by retaining as much green space as possible on the western side of the school, without impacting on functionality and the school's unique heritage.

Next steps

We understand the importance of delivering this important project and will continue to work with technical stakeholders, the project architect, school, and the project reference group (PRG) to evolve the new design, considering input from staff and other stakeholders to finalise the form of buildings and functionality of internal spaces.

We will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the usable green space at the school be impacted?

The area of the current usable open green spaces at Orange Grove Public School is 3850 sq metres, once the upgrade is completed and demountable buildings are removed, the school will benefit from an expected 4200 sq metres of usable green spaces. This is an addition of 350 sq metres more usable green space for student and community use.

Can the building locations be swapped around? Can building K be relocated to the centre of the school?

Swapping the proposed location of the buildings is not a viable option given the multiple constraints of the site.

From a school operations perspective, the proposed location of the buildings in the revised masterplan will support school functions including student and staff safety, security, pedagogy and other elements needed to create a functional environment for activities such as painting, school assemblies, school performances, canteen operations, outdoor activities and OHSC.

By having the proposed administration building centrally located at the entrance of the school, school staff will have increased visibility of the school grounds and will be able to better manage visitors as they enter the school. This also provides an added layer of security for students, staff and visitors.

The proposed location of the school hall allows for visitors attending performances or out of hours events, to enter and exit the school easily without needing to access the school's main areas. The proposed central location of the school library provides easy access for students and staff. The proposed new open spaces allow for outdoor areas to be used for different play groups and activities.

These elements have been welcomed by the school. The organisational model of the school is influenced by pedagogy, activity programming, school administration, teacher resources, student numbers and grouping. More information about the EFSG and how we build, and upgrade schools can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/efsg>.

Is it possible to have a shade structure to cover the existing basketball courts near Perry Street?

The current masterplan does not include a shade structure over the basketball court on the side near Perry Street. As we begin consultation with council, the school and other technical experts, we will develop a better understanding of what the options are for shade structures, their usefulness and what the locational implications will be. We will keep the community informed when this information becomes available.

What will be the impact to the markets?

The Orange Grove Organic Markets play an important role in the community and consultation with the Market operators has begun to ensure that the needs of the market are considered. Consultation will be ongoing as the project moves through different phases of planning and eventually construction.

Are the drawings shared in the information session to scale?

All the drawings which were shared during the community information session are to scale.



Will the buildings be connected with walkways?

Yes, as the design progresses covered walkways will be incorporated into the overall design to provide cover from the sun and rain as students move between classes.

How will construction impacts be managed throughout the project?

Preparation for construction activities on the school site will include the creation of several plans, including construction and environmental management plans. These plans outline how we will manage the construction impacts on school operations, and nearby residents and businesses.

Details about the specific measures that will be used to mitigate impacts from the project will be communicated with the community once the plans are finalised. More information about how we plan for and manage construction impacts can be found at edu.nsw.link/ConstructionImpacts.

Is site drainage as part of the works?

Yes, drainage of the existing school grounds is part of the scope of works, including the drainage works required near the preschool.

How will the upgrade address sustainability?

The Orange Grove Public School upgrade will aim for a Five Star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia. This rating system sets the standard for healthy, resilient, positive buildings and places. More information about what the accessibility features for the upgrade will be shared with the community as the design evolves.

Will the project be delivered in stages? Will it impact school operations?

It is expected that the project will be constructed using a staged approach taking into consideration the operations of the school and community markets. Details about what this may look like will be defined as the project moves through the design and statutory planning phases.

Can I continue to provide feedback?

Any feedback, comments or questions for the Orange Grove Public School Upgrade project can be emailed to the School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) contact details listed at the bottom of this project update. The community will also be able to provide further feedback as part of the statutory planning process.

When will the project begin and be completed?

Once the project receives statutory planning approval and a construction contractor is on board, a construction program will be developed and expected start and finish dates will be confirmed.

Keep in touch

We thank the community for providing their feedback into the Orange Grove Public School upgrade project and encourage interested community members to sign up to the project's mailing list by using the contact us form on the [Orange Grove Public School upgrade](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au) project page at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au. You can access the project webpage by going to https://edu.nsw.link/OGPS_Upgrade or using the QR code below.

