Orange Grove Public School Project update | July 2024



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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities 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 enrolment needs for the community.

The project will deliver:

- a new school hall, canteen and Out of Hours School Care, new administration and staff facilities
- new classrooms and staff and student amenities
- refurbished classrooms in existing buildings A and D with a new lift in building A
- upgraded Practical Activities Areas (PAA) and a new verandah
- a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and landscaping
- library relocation to building B

The project will preserve the western green space at the school, an important element for the community.

Progress update and next steps

The concept design for the project has progressed in consultation with school leadership and technical experts from across the department and we are now moving to schematic design, which involves addressing space, scale and constructability in consultation with the school.

We understand the importance of delivering this project for the school community, so while we progress further design development, we will also assess statutory planning pathways and





start the 'Connecting with Country' consultation with the school and local Aboriginal stakeholders to inform elements of the project design.

The design process

The design for the upgrade to Orange Grove Public School has been carefully developed, taking into consideration existing buildings and open spaces, heritage significance, the Department of Education's Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG), sustainability, cultural landscape significance, tree protection, school's operational needs, weekend markets and community feedback.

There are four stages of design which the department follows for school upgrades. For the Orange Grove Public School upgrade, we are moving into schematic design. As the design evolves changes may be made.

	Master planning	A master plan is developed in consideration of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, authority requirements, heritage requirements, transport links and shared use opportunities now and in the future. The master plan provides a basic layout of a new or upgraded school including planning for future upgrades and is subject to approvals.
	Concept design	This stage explores the master plan in more detail and looks at detailed room and space layouts and high level building services like power supply, water supply and drainage. It also looks at how the buildings interact with the site and each other.
	Schematic design	The schematic design stage starts to define details within rooms and spaces, furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) and detailed building services and structural coordination. This includes consulting with the school representatives to ensure classroom designs and layouts support teaching and learning requirements. The design is submitted for development approval during this stage.
	Detailed design	The final design is developed in this stage and includes the final details and specifications to be used to complete the project. It will be developed by the building contractor in consultation with the department.
		There may be some changes from schematic design to detailed design to allow for construction requirements, and approvals.

More information

You can find more information about the project at https://edu.nsw.link/OGPS_Upgrade or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on the contact details below.



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