# **Passfield Park School**

# Welcome pack

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# Welcome to your school

The Passfield Park School redevelopment is now open and ready for use. The redevelopment has delivered:



16 new permanent learning spaces



A new library and school hall



New covered outdoor learning areas (COLA)



New core facilities including staff and administration areas



A new entrance and drop-off area



An upgraded and expanded carpark for 68 cars



Indoor sports facility incorporating a hydrotherapy pool

Thank you for your patience during construction. We are thrilled to deliver this project for the Passfield Park School community and hope you enjoy your new spaces.



# Message from your Principal

This is a very exciting time in the new chapter of Passfield Park School! It is a great way to begin the new year with brand new facilities and areas for the educational, social and emotional development for all students.

The design of the school was comprehensively planned and we are proud to have a hall and a hydrotherapy pool for daily use. Each planned area, both internal rooms and external play spaces, have great educational and learning value, are spaces for growth, and learning tools towards greater independence.

The design of the new school includes flexibile spaces to enhance inclusive learning opportunities across all environments. Teachers will provide quality teaching in a modern learning environment, ensuring a holistic approach to each student's wellbeing and enriching their educational pathway.

Speciality rooms such as the library, kitchen and hall were specifically designed to provide a multitude of opportunities to develop functional living skills, overall wellbeing and independence. These spaces are an essential link to connect students to their future to become active members of their community as young adults. The specialised kitchen will be a space for both parents and carers to come together and share discussions, cooking, stories and more. It will also provide an opportunity for high school students to deliver café programs and learn vital skills for post-school pathways.

The hydrotherapy pool will impact positively on learning outcomes and the wellbeing for all students. The constant tepid temperature of the water will stimulate circulation, reduce pain and swelling which is especially beneficial for students with cerebral palsy or those who use a wheelchair for mobility. The hydrotherapy pool also reduces body weight, relaxes muscles and decreases stress, all which have been shown to help those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and sensory impairments and regulate their excitement and anxiety. The reduction of overall anxiety and stress will improve concentration and confidence in all areas of schooling and everyday life.

We look forward to showcasing our new facilities and 21st Century learning spaces, that have been created with our students' needs at the forefront and designed to increase learning and teaching opportunities. We welcome our families, carers and the wider community to accompany us on the journey ahead and are excited for the many productive partnerships that will make us a centre of excellence.

Wendy Low Principal



A new learning space at Passfield Park School



An aerial view of the new Passfield Park School



A view of an outdoor space at the new Passfield Park School

# Learning spaces ready for use

The learning spaces, hall, library, COLA and outdoor areas at Passfield Park School are now open and ready for use. Staff and students will occupy the new learning spaces and shared hall from Day 1 Term 1 2022.

The redeveloped school includes purpose-built facilities that cater to the needs of students across primary and high school. The new facilities provide flexible learning spaces including learning zones designed with consideration for children with specific needs.

## Inclusive and accessible in design

The new flexible learning spaces offer an environment that recognises the diverse needs of Passfield Park School. The adaptable classroom layouts provide a setting that supports group work activities as well as one-on-one individualised learning programs. Outdoor spaces have been designed to provide enrichment, sensory experiences, and support the needs of junior and senior students. Considerations such as acoustics, airflow, and natural light have been incorporated into the design to promote a positive sensory experience. Entry points to the school will provide sufficient space for wheelchair users, supporting parents and carers during drop-off and pick-up times.

## **Frequently asked questions**

#### Is there a drop-off and pick-up zone?

Yes. The drop-off and pick-up zone is located within the school car park and can be accessed from Durham Street. The new school drop-off zone allows accessibility for parents and carers of students with a disability.

#### What new traffic conditions are in place?

To help keep children safe, manage traffic flow and minimise congestion, Campbelltown City Council has introduced new school zone speed limits on Durham Street, Pembroke Road, and Brennan Place, as well as parking restrictions on Durham Street. The speed limit rules are already in place.

These are outlined below:

- A 40km/h speed limit school zone from 8 am to 9:30 am and 2:30 pm to 4 pm.
- A median strip has been installed on Durham Street to prevent vehicles from crossing against the flow of traffic. Entry to and exit from the school is only possible when heading west on Durham Street, towards Pembroke Road.

### How will the new facilities cater for students with a disability?

The new learning environments will cater for a range of disabilities.

Some key features of the redeveloped school include:

- flexible learning zones
- dedicated outdoor areas for juniors and seniors
- an immersive sensory room
- living skills learning areas
- accessible entry and pathways
- indoor sports facility incorporating a hydrotherapy pool.

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