

Samuel Gilbert Public School

Welcome pack | Term 4 2021



Welcome to your new learning spaces

Stage 1 of the Samuel Gilbert Public School upgrade is now open and ready to use. We have delivered:



23 new permanent learning spaces



New library



New administration building



New staff facilities

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

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Stage 1 works for the Samuel Gilbert Public School are now finished. This includes 23 new permanent learning spaces (Blocks N & P), a new library and new staff and administration facilities.

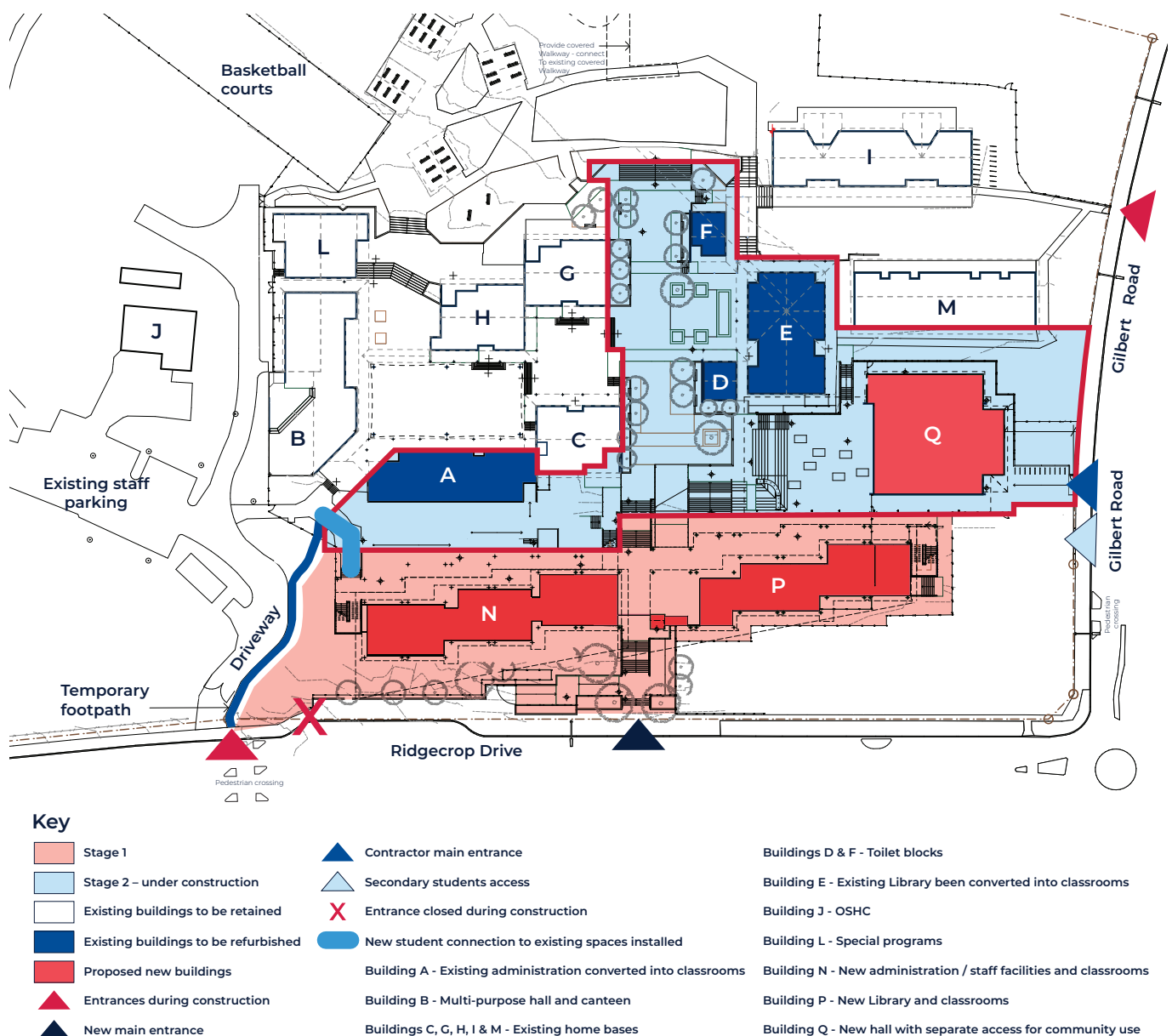
From November 2021, staff and students will move into the new learning building (Blocks N & P). There have been several changes to school access, which are outlined in the map below.

The design improves the visual presence of the school from the street.

Next steps

The Project will now continue with the next stage of works. This includes:

- demountable removal
- continue construction of the new hall
- refurbishment of existing administration and library spaces into new permanent teaching spaces
- landscaping works.





Learning space in new building

Message from your Principal

Samuel Gilbert Public School has a long and sustained history with providing a high standard of comprehensive education for its students. The completion of stage 1 of the building project will enable a pandemic disrupted school year to be remembered for new state of art learning spaces being utilised by the students. School staff are very keen to lead learning in the new classrooms. We believe the opportunities offered by the contemporary design of internal and external spaces will support student learning experiences. The community should be impressed when they are able to view inside the new learning spaces of classrooms and the library. During stage 2 of the project, the new classrooms, library and administration block will be complemented with a new hall and refurbishments of additional classrooms. The school appreciates the significant investment from the NSW Government with new and upgraded infrastructure.

Greg McLaren
Principal

Flexible learning environments

This exciting project has delivered flexible learning environments for the next generation of young minds. These environments offer flexibility where teachers can provide opportunities to:

- adapt to accommodate small or large groups
- include learning neighbourhoods with flexible spaces that allow students to use technology in a variety of settings
- enhance skills in collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving and creativity.



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Frequently asked questions

When will construction be completed?

Stage 1 is now finished which includes most of the learning spaces. The entire project is expected to be completed in early 2022 .

What safety measures will be in place?

The safety of the school's students, staff and the local community is our highest priority.

Construction planning has been designed so there is minimal impact on school operations. Safety measures such as hoardings, signage and separate access points are in place to ensure students are not able to enter the construction site.

To minimise disruption to school operations and activities, site deliveries are being scheduled outside of school drop off and pick up times and traffic control personnel are on site to assist with contractor deliveries. Separate access points are in place to ensure students are not able to enter the construction site.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

All work on site will be conducted in accordance with NSW Government noise, safety and building regulations. We are working closely with the school principal to minimise impacts to staff, teachers, students and neighbours

How will traffic be managed?

Construction vehicle movements and deliveries will be scheduled outside of peak school operation times.

Traffic management will be in place, where required, to manage vehicles entering and exiting the site in a safe manner.

What are the scheduled working hours?

Weekend work hours will be changing. In line with the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules while on construction sites by distributing building work across the entire week.

Construction will take place between 7.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday, On Saturdays and Sundays, if necessary, work will be carried out on site from 7:00am to 6:00pm.

Will there be any changes to school entrances?

Yes. See map overleaf.

There is a new main entrance for staff, students and visitors located on Ridgescrop Drive.

When will the demountable classrooms be removed?

Upon completion of stage 1 works, the department will organise removal of 4 demountables with the remaining 8 being removed after the project is finished.

How will you minimise disruption to normal school operations during construction?

School Infrastructure NSW is working closely with the school principal and staff to ensure that school operations continue with minimal disruption.

How can we remain updated about the upgrade?

We will continue to share project updates and information as the project progresses. You can visit the project's web page to stay up to date with progress: www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/s/samuel-gilbert-public-school.html

Has access to Samuel Gilbert Public School changed?

The below changes will remain in place during construction:

- a temporary footpath has been installed adjacent to the school driveway for pedestrians to enter the school off Ridgescrop Drive
- until further notice, all other access points will remain the same during construction for pedestrians and vehicles.

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