## **NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure**



## **Schofields Public School**

Project update

### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across New South Wales. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and support growth in the local economy.

### Schofields Public School

A project is underway to redevelop Schofields Public School. The project will deliver new flexible learning spaces and upgraded facilities where the existing school facilities were located.

### **Progress summary**

- Construction is progressing well and the new school is on track to open in late 2020.
- The roof on Building B was installed and the internal fit out has started. Concrete slabs were poured for Building A and the On-site Detention Tank (OSD). The OSD tank is a planning requirement for stormwater management.

 An aborist report identified several dead trees near the OSD tank and these were removed in early Term 1. Following completion of construction, two new trees will be planted for every one removed.

#### Next steps

- Windows and external walls will be installed to enclose each building and make the new school water-tight.
- OSD tank works and the internal fit out of both buildings will be completed in the coming months.
- External landscaping works have started and will continue until project completion.
- Construction will start towards the end of Term 1 on works that will change the pedestrian footpath on St Albans Road.

The health, safety and well-being of our students, staff and community members is our highest priority. We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

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### Frequently asked questions

# What action has been taken to prevent future stormwater run-off on to Schofields Park?

During the recent heavy rain, stormwater was released on to Schofields Park.

Remediation measures have been implemented to ensure that water exiting the site is treated and tested prior to discharge into the council stormwater system. These measures will remain in place for the duration of the project and be closely monitored by the project team.

# How long will the pop up school demountables remain in place?

Since approval was granted to build the new Schofields Public School, enrolments have exceeded current and future predicted capacity.

The demountable classrooms currently onsite will remain to cater for the growth in student numbers. As part of a broader strategy to manage enrolment growth in the area, an additional primary school for the Schofields area is being built (Alex Avenue Public School – provisional name)

The non-teaching demountable buildings including administration, library, canteen and staff room may be removed in late 2020.

# What pedestrian safety measures will be put in place on St Albans Road?

Construction will begin in late Term 1 on works that will temporarily impact pedestrian movement on St Albans Road. The contractor has been in contact with Blacktown City Council to acquire the necessary permits to start construction.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and community members is our highest priority. Site fencing will be installed around the construction area on St Albans Road and signs installed to direct pedestrian movement.

