



Queanbeyan School for Specific Purposes

Project update

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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.

Queanbeyan School for Specific Purposes (SSP)

A project is underway to build a new K-12 School for Specific Purposes (SSP) between Karabar High School and Queanbeyan South Public School. The project will deliver:

- Seven learning spaces for kindergarten through to Year 12
- Withdrawal spaces for students and staff
- Interactive outdoor learning areas
- Special programs rooms for activity based learning
- A library and gym area
- Café for the school community
- Administration and staff area.

Progress summary

All statutory planning approvals have now been received. Detailed design is currently underway and expected to be finalised in Term 2 2020.

The construction contract was awarded to Joss Group in late 2019. They have completed site establishment works with the installation of fencing and signage. The demolition and the removal of the existing building was completed over the school holidays. A site office has been installed in the location of the existing building.

Planned works during Term One

Work will take place between 7:00am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm as required. The community will be kept informed of any changes to the planned works or standard working hours.

Any major disruptive works will be undertaken on weekends to ensure the safety of students and children from the adjacent childcare centre. The community will be kept informed of any changes to the approved working hours. Notifications to the neighbouring schools and surrounding community will be issued prior to works.

During Term One the planned construction works will include:

- Earthworks which will prepare the ground for the floor concrete slabs to be poured later this year.
- Installation of required services such as water, gas, electricity and telecommunications.

Future Work

A summary of future work to be completed will include:

- Construction of the four new learning hubs
- Construction of parking and drop off zones
- Completion of landscaping elements

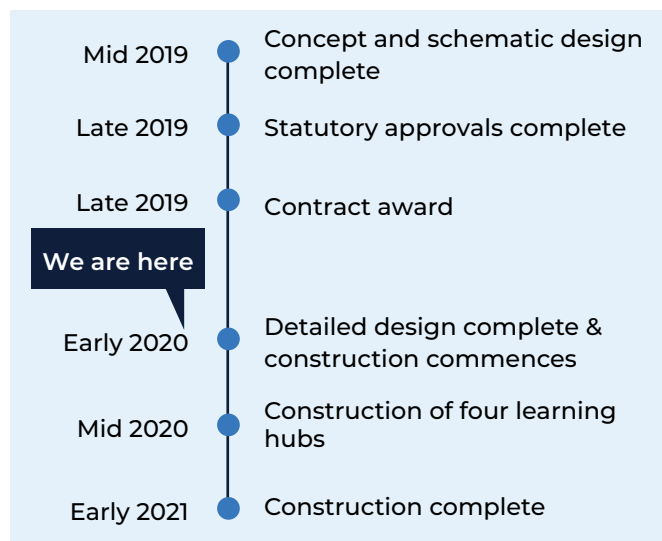
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Frequently asked questions

What stage is the project at?

Concept and schematic designs are complete. All statutory approvals have been received. Contract has been awarded to Joss Group and construction has commenced with early works underway.



How will noise during construction be managed?

The construction program has been designed to minimise impacts of noise for students, staff and residents. Particular focus has been placed on ensuring there is minimal noise during school hours and examination periods. The construction site has been physically separated from the school which will also minimise the impact of noise. When we need to carry out potentially disruptive work we will give advance notice to local residents.

What will happen to the Aboriginal garden on the site?

Karabar High School students have relocated the existing Aboriginal garden at the school in preparation for the commencement of construction.

In addition to relocating the existing garden, a new garden is being developed on the Queanbeyan SSP site. A design workshop was held in November 2019 with local Aboriginal students and staff for input into the design of the new garden. Key elements from the existing garden such as the bridge and river rock will be utilised in the design of the new garden. Karabar High School, Queanbeyan South Public School and key community members will be kept informed as this progresses.

What are you doing about the Hoary Sunray flower found on site?

We advised and consulted the Department of Environment and Energy that The Hoary Sunray, a perennial everlasting daisy was found on site. On their advice and approval we have managed this through a biodiversity offset. This is in line with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

What safety measures will be in place?

Health and safety is our highest priority. We will be working collaboratively with the local school communities and neighbours to ensure that construction works will be scheduled and managed to minimise impacts to the community where possible.

The construction site will be fenced and signed, with physical and visual separation of the construction area and neighbouring school grounds. Students and staff will be prohibited from entering the construction site.

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

We will engage a range of methods to manage and control the construction impacts to the neighbouring schools and childcare centre and wider community.

Hoarding and shade cloth will be used to reduce dust and noise impacts on the school. Dust from demolition and construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads and be washed down to prevent tracking dust and mud from the site.

How will traffic be managed?

During construction, a Traffic Management Plan will be implemented to ensure the safety of students, teachers, staff, site visitors and residents is maintained.

In addition, no delivery trucks will be on school premises during peak pick up and drop off times, however you may experience more road traffic during the construction period.

What statutory approvals were required for the project?

All statutory approval have been received. The following approvals were required for the project to progress to construction:

- Complying Development Certificate (CDC)
- Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP)
- Development Application (DA) and
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).