



Artist impression of Wilkins Public school – pre school

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Summer holiday construction works

December 2020

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Project overview

Plans are progressing for a new, purpose-built preschool within the grounds of Wilkins Public School to cater for 50 students, and the relocation and upgrade of the basketball court for multi-purpose use.

Globe Wilkins preschool has been co-located at Wilkins Public School for the past 20 years, occupying some of the school's much needed classrooms.

The preschool is currently run by Inner West Council, with an extended operational licence agreement in place for a maximum of two years, or until construction is complete and a new tender process is finalised.

An open, competitive tender process will be undertaken for the lease and operation of the preschool in preparation for handing over the completed project.

Progress summary

The Development Application (DA) was submitted to Inner West Council in June 2020.

The tender process for the main works construction contractor is complete and the contract has been awarded to Lloyd Group.

Next steps

Subject to DA approval, the following works will start over the summer holidays throughout January, prior to Day 1 Term 1 2021:

- Site establishment and early construction works including foundation works
- Remediation of contaminated soil identified on the pre school site and sports court site.

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Frequently asked questions

What is involved in the remediation work on the project?

Contamination investigations have identified asbestos containing material in the sports court and pre-school site.

Pending DA approval, during the upcoming summer school holidays, the contaminated soil will be remediated as required, in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations.

Appropriate control and monitoring measures will be put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community.

All work will be completed by a licensed and accredited asbestos contractor, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines. A clearance certificate will be issued by the hygienist.

The remediation work will take place over the summer school holidays and completed before the start of Term 1 2021.

We will notify the school community if additional time is needed to complete this work, and confirm the arrangements in place.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

How will traffic be managed?

Construction traffic will enter/exit via McRae Street access gate and carpark will remain closed. However pedestrian access along the eastern boundary of the carpark will be provided.

Traffic control will be in place as required to manage pedestrian and vehicular movements near site access.

What safety measures will be in place?

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

Perimeter fencing will be installed to prevent non construction workers accessing site. School Infrastructure NSW's regular site safety inspections and audits will occur at regular intervals for the duration of construction.

What are the construction working hours?

The standard working hours will be in accordance with the DA consent.

Will construction take place over Christmas and New Year?

No work will be undertaken on public holidays or Sunday.

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

Noise and dust control measures will be implemented in accordance with planning approval requirements to suppress dust being distributed by high winds.

Hoarding and shade cloth will be installed on the site boundaries to reduce dust and noise impacts to our neighbours. Dust from construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads.

Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction work over the summer holidays?

If you have any queries or concerns about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 24 December until 9am, Monday 11 January 2021.

In an emergency, please call triple zero (000).

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