

Wilkins Public School – new preschool

Information pack

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Artist impression of Wilkins Public School – new preschool

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 NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.



A new purpose built preschool catering for **50** students



Relocation and upgrade of the basketball court for multi-purpose use

Project overview

Plans are progressing for a new, purpose-built preschool within the grounds of Wilkins Public School. 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 the tender process finalised. When construction of the new preschool is complete, an open, competitive tender process will be undertaken for the lease and operation of the preschool.

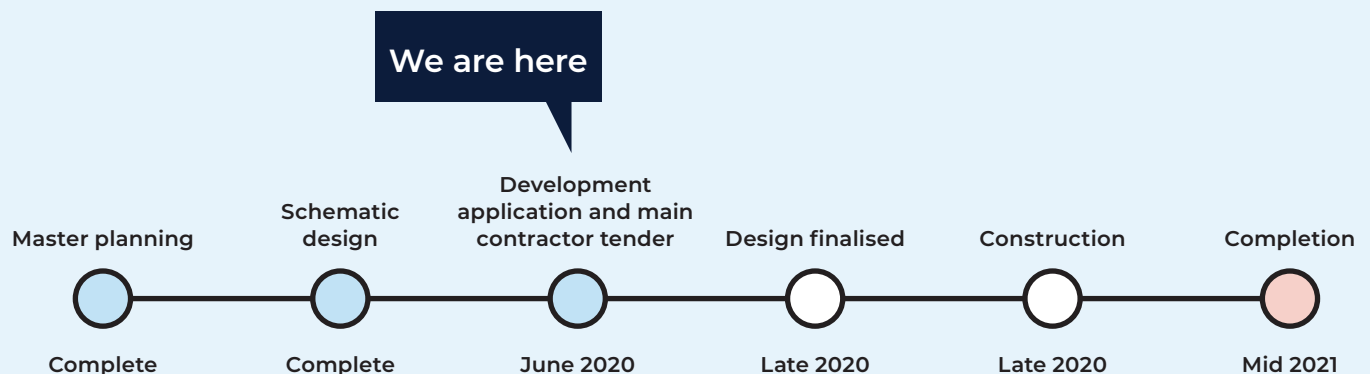
Project summary

- The schematic design has been completed and endorsed.
- The Development Application (DA) is being finalised and due to be submitted to Inner West council in late June 2020.

Next steps

- Approval of the Development Application (DA) by Inner West Council.
- Continue design development and appoint a main works contractor for the construction of the preschool.
- Pending DA approval, construction works to commence in late 2020.
- A tender for main works contractor will be open.

Project timeline



Frequently asked questions

Are there any changes to the existing preschool facility operations or before and after school care?

No, students and parents will have access to the current preschool and before and after school care services until the preschool project is completed and the tender process is finalised.

How long will the new preschool facility take to complete?

Handover is anticipated for mid-2021.

Why does the preschool need to move?

Globe Wilkins Preschool currently occupies four Wilkins Public School classrooms. Over time enrolments at the school have increased significantly. This has necessitated Stage 3 students currently enrolled at the school having to be accommodated in demountable learning spaces.

Where is the new preschool being built?

After consultation with the school and school parent representatives, a site towards the western side of the school grounds has been selected. Plans are progressing for a 50 place preschool, in line with budget and site constraints.

Will there be any impact to the school's landscaping or Wilkins Green?

No. A site for the new preschool facility will take into consideration minimising any impact on the school's landscaping and Wilkins Green.

Will the classrooms currently occupied by the preschool be suitable to accommodate modern learning spaces for primary school classes?

Once the new preschool is built and occupied, the existing classrooms will be refurbished before students take up occupancy again.

What will happen to the demountables that are already in the school grounds?

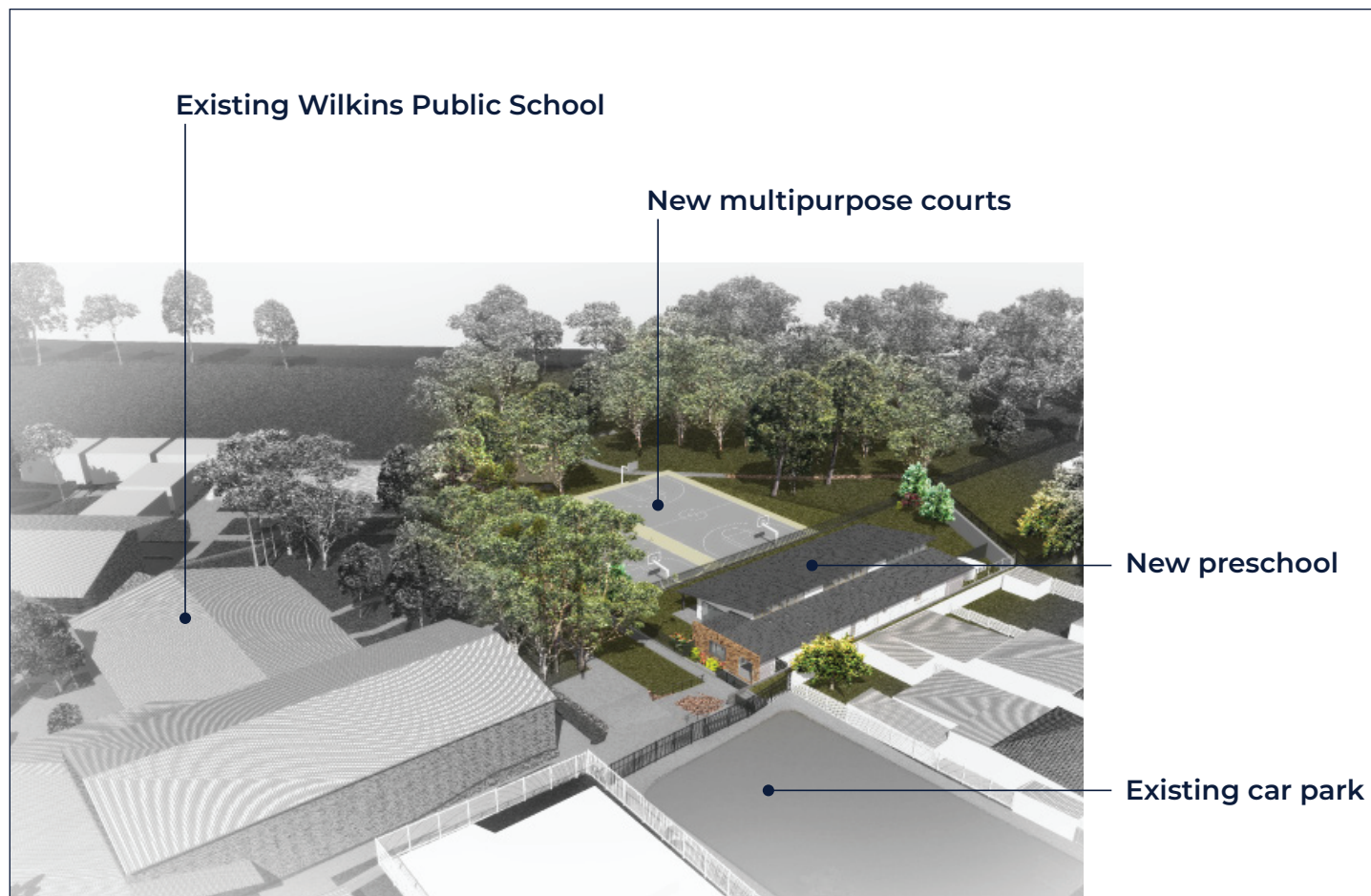
The existing demountable classrooms will continue to be used as required, depending on whether the refurbished learning spaces provide enough learning spaces for the school's students.

Who will operate the preschool once the current licence ends in mid-2021?

At the end of the extended licence period, operation of the new preschool and before and after school facilities will be opened to a competitive tender and regulatory approval process. Should the Council elect to do so, it will have the option to participate in the service provider tender process.



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Location of Wilkins Public School – new preschool

Changing the way we communicate

The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority. We are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed about our project in your community to account for social distancing measures.

How we will keep you informed

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