



Wilkins Public School – new preschool

Project update

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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.

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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

Planning for the project has progressed well.

The schematic design has been completed and endorsed.

The Development Application (DA) was submitted with 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

- The main works contractor will prepare a construction management plan including a workplace health and safety environment plan.
- Construction to commence late 2020, subject to DA approval.
- A tender to operate the preschool is targeted for release early 2021.
- Project completion mid 2021.

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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.



Artist impression of Wilkins Public School – new preschool