

# Wardell Public School

Project Update

September 2022

## What is happening at Wardell Public School

A project is underway to rebuild Wardell Public School after it was damaged by floods in early 2022. The project will deliver new modern and flexible learning environments and core facilities that will support the long term needs of the local community. Students have been learning from Alstonville Public School.

## Return to Wardell Public School site

A temporary pop-up school at the Wardell school site will be ready for students to begin learning from on Day 1 Term 4, while their school is being rebuilt. The pop-up school includes K-2 and 3-6 classrooms, administration and library spaces and toilets, as well as separate buildings for new Out of School Hours Care and pre-school services.

**Access** - Parents and visitors will enter the temporary school via a new entry gate and path, and sign in at the administration building. The pop-up school will be fenced off from the construction zone and flood damaged buildings, which remain out of bounds. Students and staff will enter the sports oval from a new gate at the back of the temporary school zone. [SEE MAP](#)

**Buses** - School buses will pick up and drop off students from Wardell Public School from Day 1 Term 4. The bus zone has been moved (east) along Richmond Road, towards the entrance to the temporary school. [SEE MAP](#)

**Out of School Hours Care** - Before and after school care, and vacation care services are expected to begin at Wardell Public School in Term 4. Expressions of Interest and details will be sent to parents via the school.

**Preschool** - Sugartowns Community Pre-school will begin operating at Wardell Public School on Day 1 Term 4. Parents will need to sign students in at Pre-School building. [SEE MAP](#)

## School rebuild update

### Current status

- A project team has been appointed.
- An architect was appointed in August and architectural master planning is underway.
- Specialist and technical consultants have visited the school and provided recommendations around issues such as flood engineering that will help inform the final design of the new school buildings and surrounding area. This includes geo-technical, ecological and planning advice.

### Next steps

- A managing contractor – for a building company that will be responsible for overseeing all the rebuild work – is expected to be awarded in October, with construction works to start in 2023. The contractor will work with the project team to manage the rebuild of Wardell Public School.
- School infrastructure NSW will work with Wardell Public School to finalise the design of the new school buildings and surrounding areas. A second information session for the Wardell Public School community will be held later this year.
- Specialist and technical consultants will continue to visit the site during the planning and construction phases.

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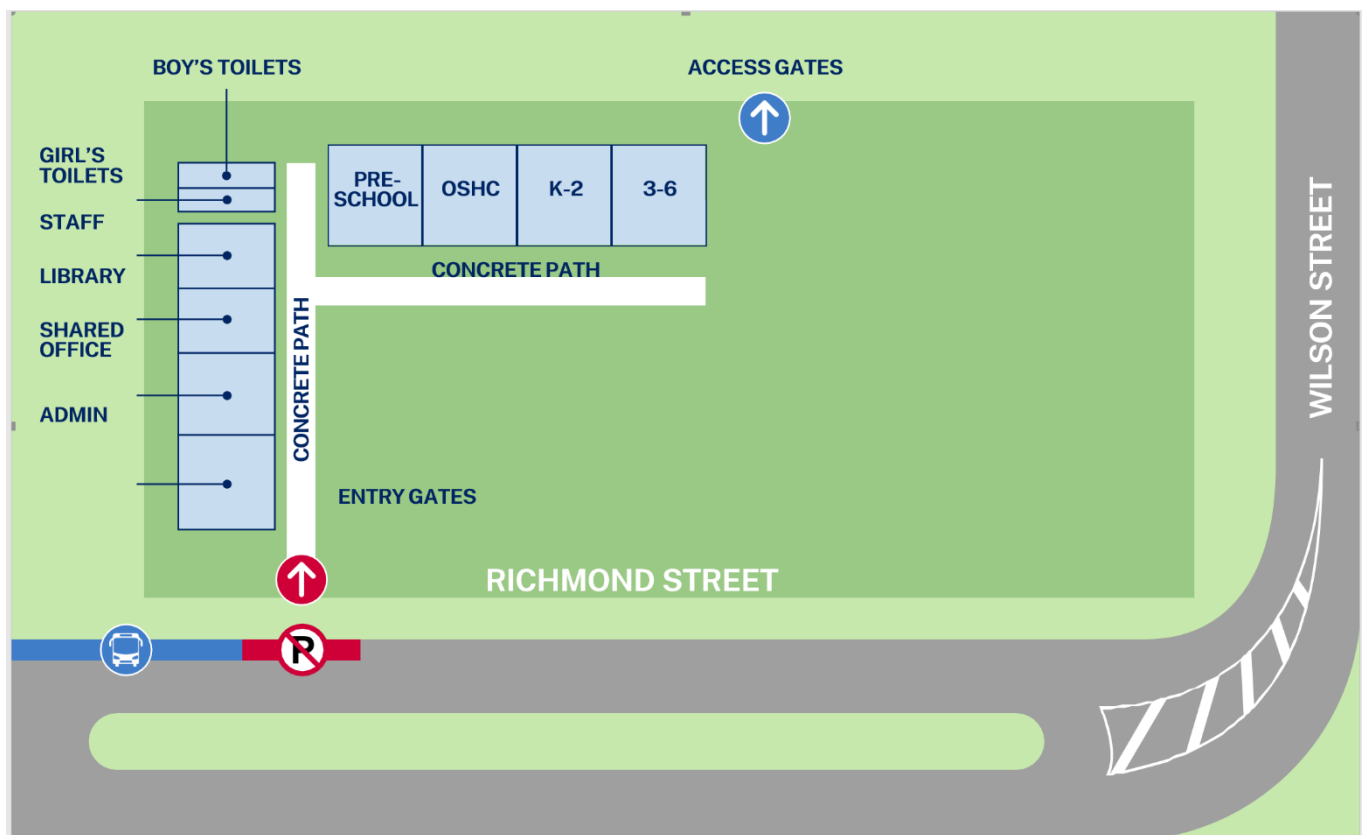
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Rebuilding Wardell Public School is expected to take between 18 months and 2 years, with an expected completion date in 2024. although we will do whatever we can to complete the project sooner.

We thank you for your patience as we work through this important program of work. We will continue to share information with you as work progresses.



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