

Artist impression of the new school entry and administration building



Karuah Public School

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We are constantly improving and upgrading facilities at NSW schools, with hundreds of minor works projects happening across the state.

These projects include upgrading and adding facilities, such as new and refurbished classrooms, libraries, staff facilities, or halls.

A new school entry, welcoming community

A project is underway to facilitate a culturally safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for Aboriginal community members and families at Karuah Public School

The project will upgrade the administration building and school hall (Building A) at Karuah Public School, to help reflect the school's commitment to welcoming all Aboriginal community members into the school.

This project has been designed in consultation with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) on Country, to ensure Aboriginal perspectives are prioritised in design and delivery. The Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) has also been engaged throughout the planning process.

As a key part of Karuah Public School's reconciliation journey and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), this project will help make the school's vision for reconciliation a reality.

Supporting Karuah Public School's reconciliation journey

Karuah Public School and the Department of Education acknowledge historic injustices that have occurred on the Karuah Public School site, especially to the Worimi people.

We acknowledge the Aboriginal community members, staff and students at Karuah Public School, and recognise the important role that education can play in the journey towards reconciliation.

What does the project include?

The Administration building will be upgraded, and the school hall will be refurbished.

There will be artwork to the entrance door with designs from a local artist. The artwork will depict former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations, in 2007.

Pavement painting extended into administration building replicates the flow of Karuah River.

School entry landscaping includes realigning the boundary fencing and installing a new gate, landscaping works and tree planting.

We are also installing a yarning circle with crushed oyster shells as the base material, sandstone stepped seating, and flagpoles.

How we'll do the work

From Term 3, we'll start this project by temporarily relocating the school administration and staff offices to temporary accommodation facilities. This will be done to allow the school to access most of the school hall space, whilst the administration building is under construction.

The administration building upgrade will take place mid to late in 2023, starting with internal demolition to partial of Building A to support the new layout for the admin side of A Block. Then new walls, floor, windows and ceiling linings will be installed. Landscaping to the school's entry will also happen at the same time.

In the 2023 summer school holidays we'll then start work on the school hall upgrade. This phase of work will include the yarning circle, realigning the boundary fencing and installing a new gate, concreting, pavement painting, flagpole installation, tree planting, and sandstone seat installation.

Get involved

We will continue to share project updates with the community. When the project is finished, we'll invite the community for a special tour of the new space.

For more information about the project, please visit the school page on the School Infrastructure NSW website: edu.nsw.link/KaruahPS.

For any questions or feedback related to the upgrades, please contact us on the details below.



Current school entry at Karuah Public School



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Ground Floor Plan of Karuah Public School's new Administration and School Hall (Building A) layout

