

Crown Street Public School

Works notification | 27 May 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We would like to update you on our project to upgrade the landscaping and decking in the playground at Crown Street Public School.

Stage 1 – Deck area

Further to our [summer holiday works notification](#), the following upgrades to the new deck have been done:

- we engaged heritage consultants, including archaeologists, to supervise the excavation and preparation of the ground underneath the new decking
- we installed concrete ramps, stairs and tiered benches to improve accessibility and offer flexible paths between school buildings
- we enhanced the outdoor space with benches and vertical log seating beneath the large Liquidambar trees to provide naturally shaded areas for reading, socialising and resting
- we added new garden beds designed for sustainable gardening lessons, that complement the existing brick planter boxes, and edible plants have been ordered for students to plant in these areas.

The timber deck provides an enhanced level play area; however, heritage requirements, such as materials selection, which was done in consultation with Heritage NSW, caused some project delays.

The deck was partially opened in Term 2 to give students access to the area while we continue work on the southern end of the deck, which remains fenced off. The deck curves to connect with the existing amphitheatre, enhancing functionality and adding seating for outdoor learning and larger group activities.

Play equipment for the southern end of the deck is scheduled for delivery and installation from Monday 25 May 2026. The active play space in this area will feature a double slide, climbing wall, and rope pulls on a soft fall rubber mound at the deck's highest point, encouraging physical activity for students.

Play equipment for Stage 1 will be installed and ready for use by late June 2026. The play area will remain fenced off from students and staff until all construction works are finished.

Stage 2 – Landscaped area behind Building B

As part of the improvements, a second landscaped play area is being built behind Building B, featuring bike and scooter parking, a giant chess board, balance beam, and seating around trees and sandstone blocks.

Stage 2 works are underway and progressing well. A new concrete path and fence removal have improved access to the bike and scooter parking.



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We are waiting for the ordered equipment to arrive, including 2 balance beams and 20 vertical logs, which will be delivered by mid-July. The Stage 2 area will reopen in late July 2026 once these final items are installed.

The Stage 1 and Stage 2 areas were thoughtfully designed with input from the P&C and principal to support both active play and passive learning.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.