Macquarie Fields Public School
Works notification | 25 August 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

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

We wish to advise we are installing a closed-circuit TV (CCTV) security system at Macquarie Fields Public School. The purpose of these cameras is to monitor entry into the school premises and add a level of security for students and staff.

As part of this upgrade, 29 CCTV cameras will be installed across Buildings A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K and Q in the following areas:

- **6 cameras** monitor the pedestrian and vehicle entrances to the school from Fields Road (west-facing).
- **11 cameras** monitor the northern, eastern and southern boundaries, including the perimeter fence between Macquarie Fields Public School and Macquarie Fields High School.
- **12 cameras** are mounted on the outside of school buildings and monitor school grounds and internal pathways.

Collectively, these works are intended to improve the functionality, safety, security and overall environment of the school site, ensuring the infrastructure is appropriately equipped to support the needs of the school community both now and into the future.

This work is scheduled to start in early September and finish in early Term 4 2026, weather permitting. Work hours are between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

We appreciate there may be some inconvenience caused by these changes. We understand the importance of maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours and seek to balance that with the safety and wellbeing of the school and local community.

For more information on CCTV including how the department uses footage, privacy laws and record keeping, please visit the department's CCTV – use of closed circuit cameras page.

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

Questions and answers

Why is CCTV being installed?
CCTV is being installed at the school to monitor the premises to help keep students, staff and visitors safe.

Where will the cameras be located?
We will be installing CCTV cameras throughout the external areas of the school. The cameras will monitor entry to the school premises and provide an additional level of security for students and staff. Cameras will not be installed in private areas such as bathrooms or change rooms. This is not permitted under Department policy.

Does the CCTV footage include audio, or is it video only?

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CCTV systems are not permitted to have audio recording capability and will not have audible capabilities only video recording.

Who will access the footage?

The CCTV recording equipment is located in a room that is appropriately secured with restricted access. End-user access will be configured and provided only to the Principal and Deputy Principals. The system can also be accessed remotely by AMU Services (School Security), in line with the department's obligations under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW). Footage will not be provided to anyone outside the department, unless the department is legally authorised or required to disclose it.

When will installation happen, and will it disrupt the school?

The project is currently in the planning and design stage and is expected to be completed by the end of 2026. More detail on timing will be provided as the project progresses.

How do I provide feedback or ask a question?

Contact us on 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au. Our phone line and inbox are staffed Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.

Where can I find more information on the Department's CCTV policy?

See the Department's CCTV – use of closed circuit cameras page.

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