

# Darlinghurst Public School

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## Project overview

We are restoring historic stone and masonry at Darlinghurst Public School. The works on the school's main building includes replacing three sets of original sandstone entrance piers, iron gates and stairs. The broader project involves repairs to the western, central and eastern wing facades including a complete roof replacement and roof drainage works. The historic building houses eight classrooms, the administration, the library, hall, canteen and one set of boys and girls toilets.

## Update on progress

The work to restore the building is being done in three stages. Stage one involved restoration of the sandstone entrance piers, iron gates and stairs as well as the west wing façade. It also involved replacing the roof of the west wing and the associated drainage as well as restoring garden beds and external surfaces impacted by this work. Stage one is nearing completion and scaffolding is due to be removed during the July school holidays.

## Next steps

Stage two and three involves work on the central and eastern wings of the building. Stone fixing and brick works for the central and eastern wing will begin in July, while the roof replacement on each wing will begin later this year.

Restoration of this historical building is carried out by skilled stonemasons, who practice the ancient trade of stonemasonry, handcrafting sandstone to maintain and preserve the significance of this heritage building. Because much of the work is done by hand, it takes time and care to masterfully handcraft sandstone in the same way it was when the school's historic main building was constructed.

We currently anticipate all works will be completed before mid-2024.

## Thank you

We thank you for your patience in the process of restoring our important heritage building. Your continued support is appreciated, and we look forward to unveiling the restored façade of the building in 2024. For questions or feedback, please contact us on the details below.

