Rozelle Public School Project update | March 2025

Image caption: Building A, Rozelle Public School 2024



Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

Heritage stonework update

We are preparing to begin <u>stone restoration and masonry work</u> at the main school building (Building A) from Tuesday 25 March.

Work will be completed in stages and detailed planning has occurred to ensure it is sequenced correctly and the heritage building is not damaged.

We will be working closely with school leadership to ensure works are carried out safely and efficiently to minimise impacts to the school community.

Work overview

- site establishment
- stone facade strengthening and restoration, including cleaning, repairing brickwork and stonework
- reinforcing gables, chimneys and roof framing
- repairing windows and flashing
- upgrades to restore timber elements
- roofing upgrades

What to expect

Trucks, plant and deliveries will access the school site via the Hamilton Street car park from 6.30am on March 25.

All deliveries and crane set-up times will take place outside of school hours from 6.30 am to 8 am and from 3.30 pm to 5pm on weekdays and from 8 am to 4 pm on Sundays.



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No work will take place on Saturdays and works have been organised to ensure Rozelle Markets can operate uninterrupted.

To improve access to the site for mobile cranes and other machinery, the existing roof structure over the walkway between Buildings A and B will be raised by up to 2 metres.

Temporary fencing will be in place to secure work areas across the school site.



For more information on how construction will be managed, visit the School Infrastructure website: <u>Managing construction impacts in your community</u> (nsw.gov.au).

Expected completion

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Due to the age of heritage buildings, sometimes unexpected work can be uncovered during the project which can cause delays.

This work is expected to be completed around mid-to-late 2026.

We will keep the community informed with the latest information.

Learn more: Heritage stonework frequently asked questions

New outdoor learning area

The department is committed to ensuring ample play spaces are available for all students.

In partnership with Rozelle Public School and the Parents' and Citizens' Association, a project to upgrade the existing outdoor learning environment was completed during the holidays in time for students to use from Day 1 Term 1 2025.

This included a new yarning circle and the inclusion of raised garden beds to be used by the school to support sustainability programs.

This outdoor learning space is a welcome addition to the teaching spaces at the school and promises to be very popular among the school community.

Update on in ground asbestos remediation

Further to our works notifications issued on <u>20 September 2024</u> and <u>7 November 2024</u>, we are continuing to manage known asbestos in the playground areas near Merton Street.

We have been conducting twice-weekly air monitoring onsite since November 2024 and results have consistently been below the minimum detectable limit, which means they are consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Remediation works will be complex due to conditions on the site, including the slope of the ground, rocks and native trees with deep roots.

Excavation will likely be required. When this is the case, the work will need to be completed outside of school hours. That may be during a school holiday period, while working with the onsite vacation care program.

We are working with consultants, subject matter experts and the school to develop a plan and schedule.

We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.



More information

If you have any questions about this project, contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

