



View from Parramatta Public School rooftop, Arthur Phillip High School in background

Arthur Phillip High School and Parramatta Public School Redevelopment

Term 2 holiday construction works

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Arthur Phillip High School and Parramatta Public School

The Department is delighted to deliver this landmark education precinct for students, families and the broader community.

Arthur Phillip High School has innovative learning spaces with adaptable / moveable furniture and room configurations, specialist STEAM teaching facilities, a large amphitheatre, two new outdoor sports courts and a double-sized multi-sport gymnasium with associated landscaped areas.

Parramatta Public School has 40 permanent, innovative learning spaces and support areas and

modern indoor and outdoor landscaped zones including rooftop learning and playground space.

Progress summary

The project is being undertaken in stages:

Initial stage – learning spaces and facilities opened for Kindergarten to Year 12 students for Day 1, Term 1 2020. This stage is complete.

Final stage – non-heritage buildings in the former Arthur Phillip High School site to be removed and converted into outdoor play areas for the two schools.

School holiday works

The demolition of the former Arthur Phillip High School is almost complete. Demolition and site remediation works will continue during the Term 2 school holiday break prior to being converted to open play areas. There will also be minor works underway at both schools during the school holidays.

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Frequently asked questions

What works will be completed over the holidays?

The final structural demolition works at the former Arthur Phillip High School site will be completed during the school holidays, weather permitting.

The site will then be prepared prior to being converted to open play areas. This includes the installation of services and remediation works of the site. Prior site investigations have indicated that bonded asbestos and buried asphalt exists, and remediation of that material is required. These works will be carried out in line with advice from an independent hygienist and will be removed by a licensed contractor. Bonded asbestos is attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled or powdered by light pressure thereby minimising the risk to health.

Safety measures have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. The area has been secured and appropriate control and monitoring measures are installed.

The internal refurbishment works of the heritage building, 'Old School House', will continue during the school holidays.

Additionally, the footpath along Smith Street will be temporarily closed to pedestrian traffic to allow for the dismantling of the pedestrian (B-Class) hoarding. The pedestrian hoarding was in place during the demolition works of the former high school. The day time works will take place from Monday 13 July 2020 to Wednesday 15 July 2020 between 7:00am to 6:00pm, weather permitting. Temporary pedestrian diversions and traffic management will be in place while the hoarding modules are dismantled and removed.

What are the construction working hours?

Construction work will continue in line with hours approved under the State Significant Development (SSD) consent between 7:00am and 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays and between 7:30am and 3:30pm Saturdays. No works will take place on Sundays or Public Holidays, unless separately approved and consequently communicated to the community.

What safety measures will be in place?

The safety and well-being of students, staff and the community are our top priority and the final stage of construction works will be securely separated from the school and community by site fencing and construction hoardings. All work will be conducted in accordance with

Safe Work NSW requirements, the Project Remediation Action Plan, the Department's Asbestos Management Plan and the Construction Management Plan which is in place as part of the SSD consent conditions. School Infrastructure NSW and the contractor are operating within strict accordance of the NSW Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020. Guided by the most up to date NSW Public Health Order, the contractor has and continues to maintain a COVID-19 Action Plan which also applies to all sub-contractors on-site. Additional measures include:

- Air monitoring
- Dust suppression and noise mitigation monitoring will be in place
- Selecting and using machinery to limit noise and vibration
- Workers will be wearing appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) on the site at all times during the demolition and remediation works
- The removal of asbestos-containing material will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

How will traffic be managed?

While these works are underway traffic management and temporary pedestrian diversions will be in place.

Are there works taking place at the schools?

During the school holidays there will be works underway at both schools.

At the new Arthur Phillip High School there will be minor works within the outdoor sports courts and works to update the sewer network.

At Parramatta Public School, internal and external works are planned to the breezeway areas and courtyard.

The schools are working closely with the contractors to minimise disruption to vacation care and Saturday school classes.

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