## NSW Department of Education - School Infrastructure



# **Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School**

Project update

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## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

We are upgrading Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School with new and improved facilities to support the local community.

#### **Progress summary**

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) has reached a significant project milestone with the main works construction contract recently being awarded to Richard Crookes Constructions (RCC). SINSW has engaged RCC to deliver the State Significant Development main works that were approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in November 2020.

Building R is progressing with the roof structure, block work, and installation of plumbing and electrical services.

Site establishment activities to clear and prepare the construction zones for main works are continuing at both schools. This includes the installation of hoarding, set-up of site amenities, and demolition of existing buildings.

We have been made aware that Powerful Owls are currently inhabiting and nesting in a tree within the Chatswood High School work zone. Temporary fencing has been set up around the tree to create a protection zone. The project team are working collaboratively with Birdlife Australia, Willoughby Council and DPIE to protect the safety and wellbeing of the nesting owls.

In line with the NSW Government's COVID-19 Guidelines, construction on the Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School upgrades resumed on Monday 2 August 2021. A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan is in place for the sites and the contractor will enforce strict compliance with the Public Health Order.

## **Next steps**

All upcoming scheduled works are being reviewed with the contractor, sub-contractors and suppliers. Where feasible, the following work activities will continue in line with current Guidelines:

- Demolish existing Buildings C, D and E at Chatswood High School and start main works construction.
- Construction of Building R including the roof structure, façade works and window installation.
- Demolish Building I at Chatswood Public School, and start work on in-ground services and civil works, pier drilling and substructure works.

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