

Dear Parents and Carers,

The upgrade to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School is continuing with a reduced team on site in response to the recent NSW Government Health Orders. Our contractor is enforcing strict compliance with the Public Health Orders and has a comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. I meet weekly with the project team to discuss the progress of Building R and the main works construction and am pleased that activities have managed to continue.

As you may be aware, through P&C meetings and the school's newsletter, we are forecasting a growth in student numbers for 2022. The Department of Education also monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across NSW. The department and School Infrastructure NSW have reviewed the forecast enrolment numbers for Chatswood High School and Chatswood Public School in 2022 as well as the project's requirements for the next phase of construction. Chatswood High School will need additional classroom space from early 2022 to enable construction and accommodate a projected increase in student enrolment numbers.

Additional classroom space will be provided by installing 18 temporary classrooms on the basketball court and around the new Building R, 6 of these classrooms will be installed to accommodate enrolment growth and 12 will enable the next stage of construction.

The department recognises the importance of active play space and has started to construct new and temporary active play areas to replace the basketball court and to support student wellbeing.

This includes a new temporary and flexible sports court to the north of Building R, and handball, table tennis, and badminton areas across the school. Construction of the new play space will start immediately and work to install the temporary classrooms will start in late September, 2021.

From early 2022, there will also be an opportunity for high school students to share use of the new public-school sports court which will include one full basketball court and two half courts.

Students will be gradually returning to school during Term 4 and I will work with the project team to minimise the impact of these works as much as possible. You may appreciate that planning construction activities and accessing trades and subcontractors is more challenging with the current Health Orders, however I will continue to keep you updated as more details are finalised.

There will be an opportunity for you to participate in a meeting on Thursday 16th September at 6:00PM during which I will provide further details and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions.

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67196090813?pwd=TDFmRHNpa2VSNIJsYmI2QUt09>

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I thank you for your patience as we continue to move forward with this important upgrade to our school.

David Osland

Principal

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