NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School

Project update

September 2021

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) is working with our construction contractor and industry partners to progress the upgrade to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School in line with current NSW Government Health Orders.

A reduced team has been onsite at each school since 2 August 2021 working under strict COVID-19 Guidelines.

Supporting teaching and learning in 2022

Additional classroom space will be needed at Chatswood High School from early 2022 to enable the next phase of construction and accommodate a projected increase in student enrolment numbers.

Temporary classrooms will be installed on the basketball court and around the new Building R to accommodate enrolment growth and support the next stage of construction.

The department recognises the importance of active play space and will construct a new temporary sports court to the north of Building R, and allocate handball, table tennis, and badminton areas across the school.

Work to install the temporary classrooms and construct the extra play space is anticipated to start from mid-September 2021, subject to NSW Government Health Orders.

SINSW is committed to working closely with the Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School principals to enable continuity of teaching and learning and positive educational experiences for students and staff.

For more information contact:



Chatswood High School

Progress Summary

- Building R is progressing with the roof structure and plumbing and electrical services.
- Main works site establishment activities are continuing including hoarding installation and the set-up of site amenities.
- Demolition of High School Buildings C, D and E is progressing.

Next steps

- Complete demolition of Buildings C, D and E.
- Install temporary classrooms and construct additional play space.
- Complete Building R.
- Start construction of Building S.
- Demolish Buildings A, B, I and F.
- Start construction of Buildings Q and T.



Indicative map of Chatswood High School's current work zones

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Chatswood Public School

Progress Summary

- Demolition of Building I is complete.
- Main works site establishment activities are continuing including hoarding installation and the set-up of site amenities.

Next steps

- Construct Building V.
- Partially demolish Building H.
- Refurbish Building A and landscape.
- Start constructing Buildings P1 and P2.



Indicative map of Chatswood Public School's current work zone

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Frequently Asked Questions

How was the decision made to place more temporary classrooms on site during construction?

The department reviewed options to accommodate Chatswood High School students in 2022.

Key factors considered throughout the process were:

- maintaining student wellbeing and safety
- providing continuity of teaching and learning
- maximising the amount of active play space available to students
- providing specialist learning facilities
- minimising the duration and impacts of construction.

The provision of additional temporary classrooms and dedicated play spaces at Chatswood High School enables the department to meet these key factors, accommodate enrolment growth and support the next stage of construction.

What are the construction hours?

The NSW Government has recently passed legislation to allow construction hours to be extended outside of those specified in the development consent conditions in the Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Construction Work Days) Order (No 3) 2021 to protect the health, safety and welfare of construction workers and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The construction hours are 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm Saturday and 9 am to 5 pm Sundays and public holidays.

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan is in place for the sites and the contractor will enforce strict compliance with the Public Health Order. Our construction sites will follow all current health guidelines and all workers will wear masks for indoor and outdoor work.

How will safety be managed?

School Infrastructure NSW is committed to ensuring that work is completed safely and efficiently and with minimal impact to the local community.

Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the works. This will include a COVID-19 Safety Plan, fencing off the construction area and installing surveillance systems.

The project team regularly consults with each school to discuss construction progress. All safety concerns will be addressed. The health, safety and well-being of students, staff, neighbours and community is our highest priority.

How will noise and dust be managed?

Noise levels on site will be managed in accordance with the noise control guidelines that are outlined in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works.

Noise will be kept to a minimum as best as possible during the construction period. We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high noise generating works.

Dust as a result of demolition and construction works will be hosed down as required.

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