

Project update

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Dear parents, carers and staff,

I am excited to confirm that construction to upgrade and modernise areas of our school is about to begin.

As you may be aware, the school received \$7.365 million in the 2021–22 State Budget to modernise Block A.

There will be a lot of activity on the school site in the coming months. To ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors, the builders will set up the fences around Block A and their fenced site compound will be located at the rear of Block A.

I can confirm that students will continue using the existing toilet block as well as the kitchen until the new toilet block is built later this year.

The builders will initially carry out works to provide a new temporary entry and reception for Block A, as well as temporary staff spaces in the library building. This will enable staff and students to decant out of the southern portion of Block A to allow the upgrade works to proceed.

During the design stage, structural engineer and arborist reports both advised that the three mature trees at the rear of Block A are causing structural damage to our historic building. These three trees will be removed in the coming weeks to prevent further structural damage occurring to Block A. There will also be several trees removed from the front of school to make way for the new ramp to the school's new entry and landscaping works to enhance the street face of our school.

We understand that these trees have formed an important part of the school's Gathering Space and grounds, and whilst necessary, it will be sad to see them go.

A new landscaped outdoor learning area/gathering space will be built as part of the current project, south of the current space. The VSBA will commence consultation with our school community for this landscape area in Term 3.

We will plant at least two trees for every tree removed, in line with the VSBA tree removal and replacement policy.

I have also attached some additional renders the architect has prepared for us. These renders give an artist impression of what our school upgrade will look like once complete.

Thank you for your patience as we get this important project underway. I look forward to keeping you all updated as it progresses.

Warm regards,
Bridget McLaughlin

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