

Project overview

Empire Vale Public School suffered extensive damage during the 2022 flood events with flood water entering the school and damaging classrooms, the administration area, library, playgrounds, gardens and toilets.

The Department of Education has committed to rebuild the school and deliver core facilities including classrooms, new administration facilities, library, underneath play areas and toilets on the first and ground levels.



New permanent classrooms



New library



New play space



New administration area



New school entry



New canteen

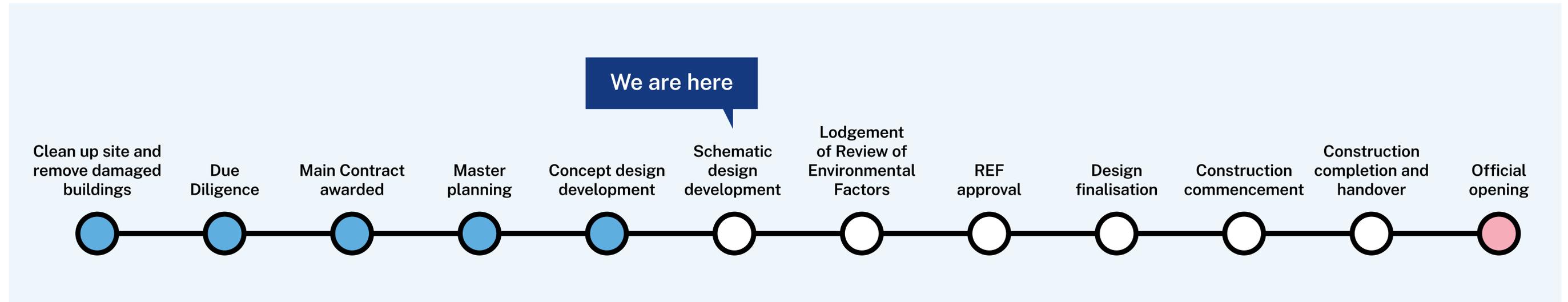


Aerial artist impression of Empire Vale Public School (subject to change)

Empire Vale Public School

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Project timeline



What's next?

Concept, schematic plans and colour schemes will be finalised in early September. Then a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the build will be lodged with stakeholders.

A REF is an environmental assessment used to determine whether an activity should be approved by taking into account all matters that affect or may affect the environment. This can include technical reports prepared by industry specialists, including Ecological Assessments, Aboriginal and European Heritage Assessment Reports, Contaminated Lands, Noise and Vibration, Visual and Amenity, Traffic and Transport to address the specific details required for the project approval.

The building contractor will work with School Infrastructure NSW to determine a timeline for the demolition, building and any staging requirements.

We look forward to sharing more information with you as the project progresses. You can stay informed by regularly visiting the project web page and you can contact us via email or phone if you have any questions or feedback about the Empire Vale Public School Flood Recovery Project.

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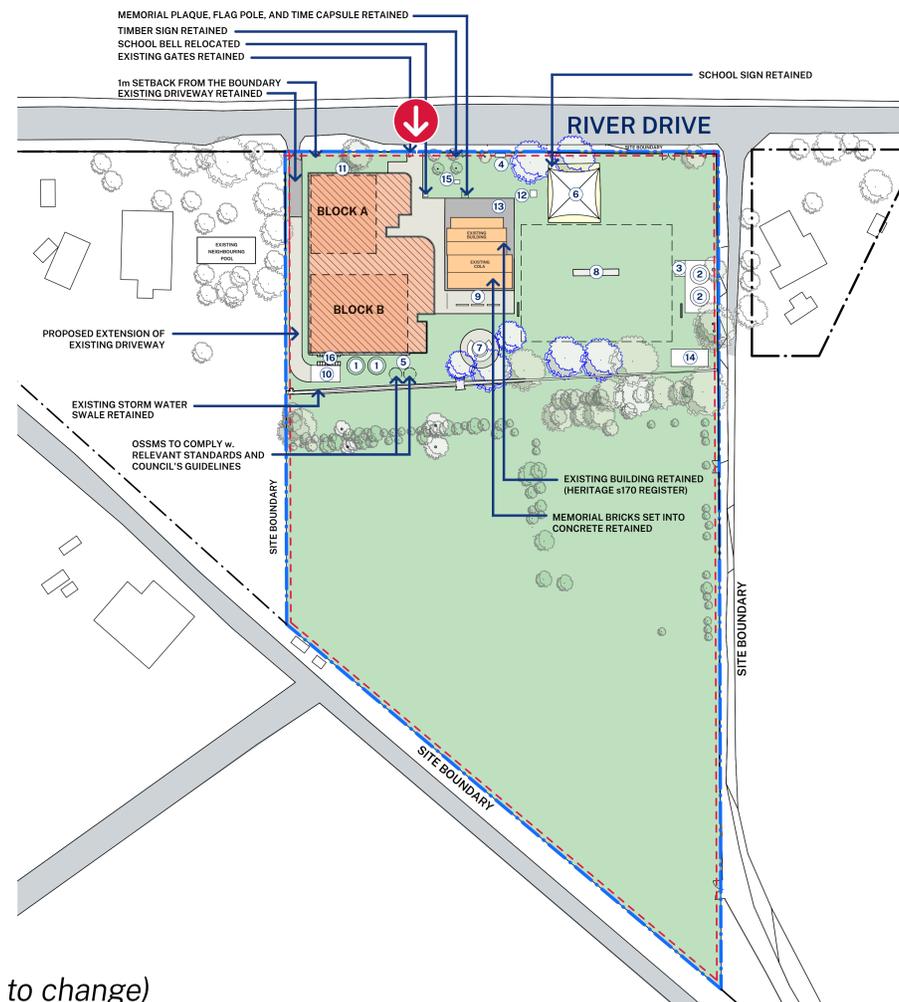
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Empire Vale Master Plan and aerial view

The layout of the new school maximises the play space and sits carefully amongst the trees and landscape capturing beautiful views and taking advantage of the solar aspect and the breeze.

LEGEND

Existing Building to be retained	Proposed hydrant booster assembly and external fire hydrant
Existing Paving to be retained	Underground septic tanks
Proposed Building	Replacement sanded area and play equipment
Proposed Paving refer to landscape architect's drawing landscape	Proposed yarning circle, refer to landscape architect's drawings
Existing trees to be retained refer to landscape architect's drawing	Existing cricket pitch retained
Proposed new trees shown in blue outline refer to landscape architect's drawings	Proposed outdoor seating
Existing neighboring trees indicative only	Proposed NEW GA shed
Site Boundary	Garden beds retained
Main Entry	Memorial plaque
Rainwater tanks	Existing paving retained
Fire tanks	Relocated shipping container
Hydrant pump house	Dual fire hydrant
	Waste management area



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*Note: Final design and landscaping (subject to change)

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Empire Vale Public School Flood Resilient Design

The façade of the new Empire Vale Public School has been designed to be respectful of the local environment, visually appealing while embedding the colours of country and community into the materials and finishes.

The school is being built above the flood requirements to help minimise the impact on the school of future flood events.

The former library building will be retained and renovated due to its heritage value.

The area under the building (undercroft) will be used as an outdoor play area and classroom.

The images here are artist's impressions only. Final colour and landscaping is subject to change through final design stages and landscaping.



Artist impression entry perspective (subject to change)



Artist impression of outdoor learning space (subject to change)

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Empire Vale Public School undercroft floor plan

The layout of the multipurpose undercroft (the space under the 1st floor) is designed to maximise the use of space for the school and wider community.

The undercroft will be the ideal location for waiting for buses, games out of the sun and rain, and assemblies. The temporary stage will be located in this area.

The undercroft capacity will have adequate capacity for school and community meetings.

Male, female and accessible toilets are located in the undercroft.

Storage and cleaner facilities are also located here.



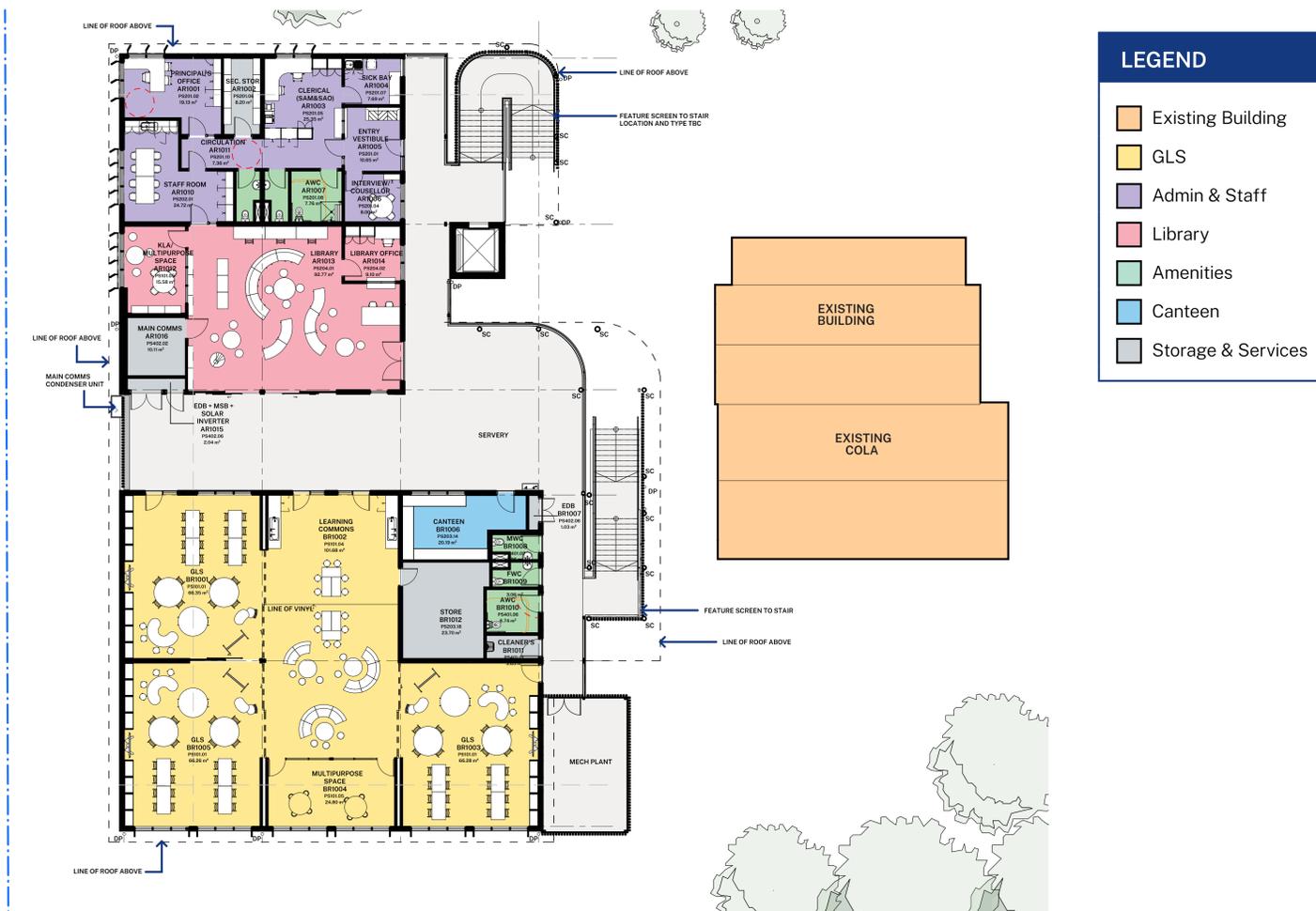
Undercroft Plans (subject to change)

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Classrooms, library, administration and upstairs facilities



Level 1 Concept Plans (subject to change)

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How standardised learning hub layouts work in practice

STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

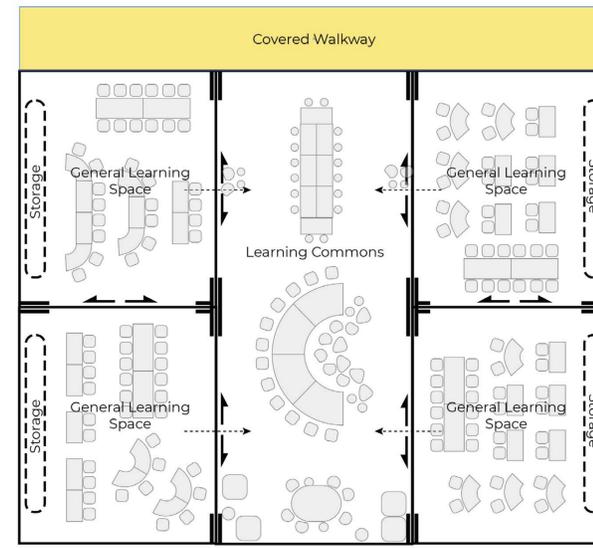
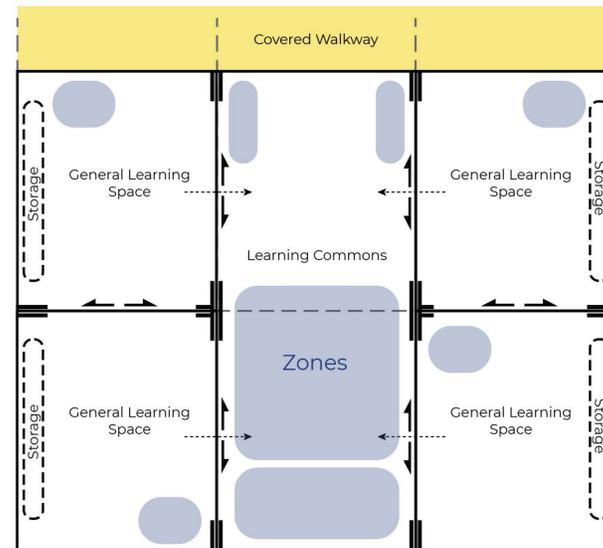
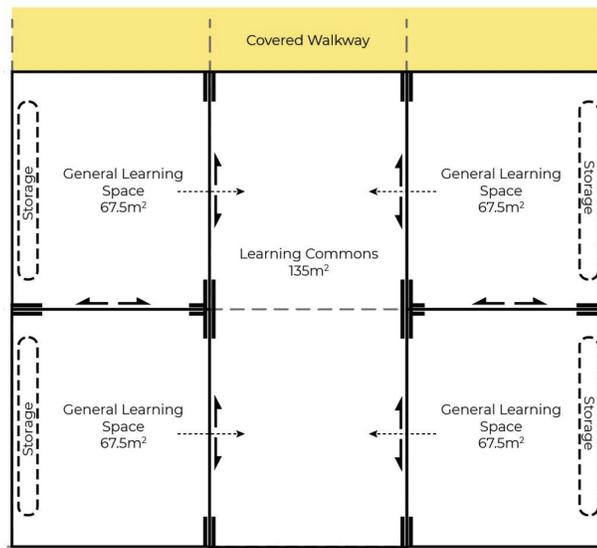


Standardised design for a school learning hub, featuring 4 learning spaces and a learning commons.

The design is modified to suit the school context outlined in the education rationale. Schools can include practical activity areas (PAAs), STEM spaces or other multi-purpose spaces (MPSs) that support collaboration, preparation or sensory needs.

Furniture settings are selected to align to local teaching and learning requirements. Furniture selection is supported by professional learning and other resources.

From a 2D plan to a flexible learning space, ready for students to engage in their learning activities.



Consultation and keeping your school community informed

School Infrastructure NSW adopts a consistent and strategic approach to general community communications and engagement across all of our projects.

We are committed to engaging with all stakeholders, including the local community, through the entire project lifecycle; from planning, design and delivery to operations and maintenance.

Examples of when we will consult, communicate and engage with the school community while the project is underway may include:



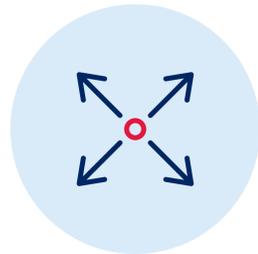
Engagement of consultants and contractors



Construction milestones



School design



Potential school or local community impacts

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share information with the school community as work progresses, by posting project updates on the website.

We thank you for all your patience during this important program of work.

Stay informed



Website

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Contact us between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday on **1300 482 651**