

Leichhardt Public School

Project update | June 2026

Image caption: Building B at Leichhardt Public School



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing in our schools through the Heritage Stonework Restoration Program, which looks after historic school buildings across the state.

Under Section 170 of the *Heritage Act 1977*, we must identify, protect and manage heritage school buildings in our care. This program helps us do that, but it also ensures your school's historic buildings are cared for and protected for future generations.

Working together, our heritage architects, engineers and skilled stonemasons carefully restore each building using traditional tools and techniques, keeping them safe, strong and beautiful for years to come.

Heritage stonework restoration at Leichhardt Public School

Restoration work at Leichhardt Public School will focus on Building B (built in 1891), followed by the northern section and tower of Building A (built in 1897).

The existing sandstone will be replaced with bespoke, hand-crafted sandstone to match the original 19th-century heritage materials.

This project will be done in carefully planned stages, maintaining safety and minimising disruption while protecting the school's proud architectural legacy.

Progress update

Since installing the scaffold, as advised in our [January 2026 update](#), we have made the following progress on Building B:

- internal repair of the tower roof
- removal of known lead dust from the sealed roof cavity
- preparation for roof works including plywood sheeting and lighting installed within the roof cavity
- heritage stone investigations such as measuring and documenting
- sandstone cutting and replacement stonework production.



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Images above: roof cavity after cleaning and repairs (left), damaged arched stonework identified for restoration (centre), the top of the tower which will also be restored (right).

Next steps

Restoration work will continue throughout 2026 to 2028. Temporary fencing will remain in place around Building B while work is underway. As outlined in our recent [Works Notification](#), we will begin removing mortar from Building B, including areas known to contain bonded asbestos material. Other upcoming work on Building B will include:

- chimney rebuild
- seismic stabilisation work in the roof and tower
- restoration of the tower
- stone arch replacement and bespoke sandstone crafting and installation.

Building A restoration will begin after Building B is finished and will include:

- facade cleaning and brickwork restoration including chimney repair
- stone and mortar repair and replacement
- partial roof and guttering replacement
- replacement and painting of tower timber windowsills
- repainting of the interior tower.

Thank you

Thank you to our students, staff, families and neighbours for your patience and support as we carry out this important restoration. Together, we're helping ensure Leichhardt Public School's heritage building remain a proud symbol of learning and community for generations to come.

Heritage stonework takes time and care to restore however the project is on track with work expected to be finished mid-2028. We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.



You can find more information about the Heritage Stonework Program at <https://edu.nsw.link/heritage-stonework> or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours using the contact details below.