

Leichhardt Public School

Works notification | 21 January 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

A project is underway to restore buildings A and B as part of the Heritage Stonework Program at Leichhardt Public School.

The planning pathway for this project, the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), has been approved, allowing for construction to start.

Start of construction

Further to the notification issued on 9 December 2025, installation of the scaffolding around Building B to prepare for the restoration work started on 12 January 2026. From January the following activities are expected:

- Work on the eastern side of Building B facing Norton Street and on the northern side facing Marion Street.
- Increased noise and traffic movements along Marion and Norton Streets.

Once work on the eastern and northern areas of Building B is finished, the scaffold will be moved to the western and southern sides of the building along the playground and carpark areas.

Work on the facades and roof sections will be delivered in stages to minimise disruption to the school community. Restoration of both buildings is expected to be finished in 2028.

What to expect during construction



The safety of the school, visitors and the local community is our highest priority. We are committed to minimising disruptions where possible while work is taking place.

Construction activities will be undertaken between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise advised.

Construction vehicles will enter the school via the Marion Street entry. Traffic control will be used as required for the safety of students, staff and the local community.

Please follow the directions of any temporary signage and traffic controllers when in place.

For more information about how we manage construction impacts, please visit our webpage at edu.nsw.link/ConstructionImpacts or scan the QR code.

More information

You can find more information about the Heritage Stonework Program at edu.nsw.link/heritage-stonework or by scanning the QR code.



If you have any questions about this work, contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

Thank you for your cooperation while we deliver this important project for the Leichhardt Public School community.

Notification issued 9 December 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

The Heritage Stonework Restoration Program helps care for historic school buildings across NSW. As part of our responsibilities under Section 170 of the *Heritage Act 1977*, we work to identify, protect and maintain these important heritage buildings for current and future generations.

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).

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

Restoration of Building B involves:

- full roof replacement including gutters and downpipes
- heritage stonework cleaning
- removal and replacement of chimney stones
- restoration and reinstallation of tower finial (decorative tower peak)
- stone repairs and/or stone removal and replacement as required
- stone and mortar repair
- timberwork maintenance and painting
- bird proofing.

Restoration of Building A involves:

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

Heritage works on both buildings are expected to be finished in 2028.

Next steps

You will start seeing some changes around the school as we prepare for the heritage restoration of Building B.

During the summer holidays scaffolding will be installed on the eastern side facing Norton Street and on the northern side facing Marion Street.

Once work on the eastern and northern areas of Building B is finished, the scaffolds will be moved to the western and southern sides of the building along the playground and carpark areas.

Scaffolds will be set up in stages which will enable work on certain facades and roof sections while minimising disruption to the school community.

For the duration of work on Building B, Year 5 and 6 classes and lessons in the art space will be relocated to other suitable classrooms at the school.

Restoration work on Building A will start in mid to late 2027.

We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.

Work hours and more information

Work hours will be between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

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Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.