

The Future of Our School

Exciting times are ahead for our school as its physical structure changes in time for the 2019 school year. I would like to take the opportunity to outline to the community what to expect in the way of construction over the next two terms. As more dates are finalised, I will communicate these through our school newsletter and school website.

Why the change?

Our existing buildings have reached the end of their life and maintenance is proving costly. If we were to keep our existing buildings, B Block would require a new roof and both buildings extensive work on their footings. This would cost more than a new build.

What is going to change?

At our school we value the great outdoors and the way that the environment helps our children learn. A significant amount of planning has gone into the new design to ensure that an outdoor classroom space is created. From 2019, all of our children will be together in one building separated by a kitchen, store room and an office. This building will sit parallel to Mount Nebo Road, behind the large trees. The building will be fully air-conditioned/heated and carpeted. It also has large windows and raked ceilings to allow natural air flow and light. Crimsafe screens will be installed for added security.

Where B Block (closest to the office) currently sits will be a large, covered outdoor learning space. This space will be utilised by both classes to conduct whole school, class and individual lessons. We are really excited about the endless possibilities that this outdoor space will bring.

Outside the administration, a ramp will be constructed to improve school access. The new building and outdoor space will all meet the level at the bottom of this ramp.

There is space in the plans for another building to be constructed for when our enrolments require it.

How will it all happen?

Term 3

- P-2 will pack up their classroom and move into the other end of the 3-6 classroom. This will occur slowly to allow the children to become accustomed to working in one building.

September/October Holidays

- C block (P-2 room) will be taken away during the holidays at a date to be decided. A safety barrier will be installed at this time. There is extensive work to be done during the holidays and I encourage all community members to avoid the school grounds during the break.

Term 4

- The footings for the new building will be constructed and grading will occur. Two large trees will be felled outside school hours and the wood kept for future seating.
- 3-6 will pack and organise resources ready to move out in the last week of the year.
- The new building will arrive and be installed at a date to be determined.

Summer Holidays

- B block will be removed and the new outdoor learning space will be constructed.
- Foot paths, gardens and turf will be fixed ready for the 2019 school year.
- A large verandah will be constructed outside the new building to connect the classroom to the outdoor learning space.

I will endeavour to keep the community updated regarding the construction progress. I thank you all in advance for your patience during this busy period of the school's life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school or speak with our P&C President who can communicate with Facilities on your behalf.

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