

St Ollie's Building Update

29th January 2021

As we welcome our students back to school for the start of the 2021 school year, we can report that there has been much progress on our building site – although to the untrained eye, it may still look very much like a hole in the ground!

Over the school holidays, the lower-level concrete block-work was completed, in readiness for the concrete pour which will create our bottom floor space – our new school library. Our builders have also been working hard to ensure that all of the noise producing work was completed prior to the students returning to school. It was noisy few weeks towards the end of the school holidays as concrete was cut, and pipes were laid, to support the plumbing and fire safety of the new Administration Building.

As predicted with a summer build, rain at the start of the school holidays did cause a few problems for the builders, with some flooding in the build site that needed to be drained. This did not affect the school grounds or other buildings in any way. The three-day weekend lockdown additionally provided the need for some rescheduling of the construction schedule of works. All rescheduling has been made with the students in mind, and builders have worked with the school to ensure minimal disruption to teachers and student learning.

Unfortunately, there will be one morning Drop-off that may be affected by the change in scheduling of works. The lockdown has affected the timeframe for the concrete pour, which was scheduled to occur during the school holidays. This will now take place on Monday 1st February, however it is aimed to be completed prior to school Drop-Off at 8.15am. If families notice additional traffic along Beauvardia St on Monday morning, we would suggest you use the Camelia St Zone on this day.



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Tuckshop

We feel very lucky to have the opportunity to be improving our Tuckshop, during the final stage of building at Ollie's. The schedule for the Tuckshop refurb will involve work beginning in the Tuckshop, during April, as the Administration Building is completed, and The Arts Precinct prepares for work to commence. As a result of this schedule, the Tuckshop has not opened during Term 1, however, once building is completed, we look forward to being able to use a fully operational Tuckshop with canteen and event facilities.

OSHC

Throughout the school holidays, OSHC have been utilising the House to ensure students are offsite during the building progress. Thank you to OSHC who have worked to ensure the students in their care are able to enjoy their Vacation Care activities from the House, and on the Tennis Courts and Pool Oval.

Following the concrete pour on Monday 1st February, we look forward to seeing significant changes to the Administration Building, and will be sharing these changes with you all, in the next Building Update.