



# Yarrabah School

## Back to School FAQs

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are excited about the new school year.

We are delighted to confirm work on the school upgrade has started. We are on track to finish the work by late 2020.

This redevelopment will upgrade and modernise the school, including its early education facilities and ensure that all children have access to quality facilities, equipment and resources.

Below are a few FAQs and map. We hope this helps. If you have any questions or need more information please contact us.

### **How long will my child be housed in a temporary relocatable?**

The redevelopment will be completed Quarter 3 2020. The school will be completed in stages and the transition of students to their new upgraded learning environments will follow.

### **How will you work with the students to minimise the impact of changes?**

Understanding the needs and sensitivities of some students to a changed environment, the school will develop a program that will explain everything that is going on to the kids. This is a great opportunity to educate the students about construction, and a positive approach will be adopted. Families will be notified of the changes via the school's website and Facebook page, alongside the VSBA website. Parents will also receive a map of the temporary changes prior to the start of the school year, and some directional signage will be available on site. Students will be notified of changes using:

- social stories
- travel training
- group orientation to be carried out in the first week of school.

We recommend that you take your child for a drive around the perimeter of the school to see some of the changes, prior to coming back to school.

### **What type of facilities and services will students have access to during construction?**

Students will continue to access all facilities they do currently. We will construct new buildings before demolishing existing facilities.

### **Will access to parking and the student drop off area be affected by construction?**

We are working closely with local authorities and have carefully considered all options to minimise disruption to students and staff during these works.

School buses will continue to enter via the front school entrance on Mill Street, and parents can also access this. The staff car park will be relocated to the school's oval.

### **How will the Department make sure that students aren't exposed to any dangerous material during demolition? (i.e. asbestos)**

Asbestos removal is always removed on school holidays or weekends (out-of-hours). Asbestos removal will be carried out by a specialist contractor in strict accordance with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety framework. A clearance certificate will be issued before anybody can re-enter the buildings.