

Loreto Kirribilli Innovation Centre FAQs

What is the purpose of the redevelopment?

The rapid pace of change and the emergence of new technologies have transformed the way students learn, making today such a dynamic time for education.

The Innovation Centre will provide a vital piece of infrastructure which will further prepare Loreto Kirribilli students for the evolving world beyond school, equipping them to adapt and thrive within a completely reimagined future.

The redevelopment will also provide important connections expanding the use of the Marian Centre, Centenary Hall and Gymnasium, and improve access for students, staff and visitors with a disability.

When was the project approved?

The project was approved in October 2018 as a State Significant Development, by the NSW Independent Planning Commission, which concluded that “the development is in the public interest”.

Where can I find more information about the School’s plans?

The School is committed to keeping students, parents, staff and the local community informed and regularly updated. Plans for the Innovation Centre can be found on the school’s website. There is also a dedicated phone line, email and postal address to which you can direct questions about the project.

I’m new to the neighbourhood. Will Loreto Kirribilli be talking to neighbours?

Loreto Kirribilli undertook extensive consultation with neighbours in 2017 and, as a result of feedback received, made some changes to the proposed design of the Innovation Centre.

If you are new to the neighbourhood you would obviously not have been part of this, but the School and the Project Team would be pleased to provide more information and to answer any questions you might have.

What is the timeframe for the project?

The current timeframe is:

November 2019:	Start of sandstone excavation
February 2020:	Start of construction
December 2020:	Completion of construction

What will hours of construction be?

Construction, including the delivery of materials to and from the site, will only be carried out between the following hours:

- 7:00 am and 6:00 pm, Mondays to Fridays inclusive;
- 8:00 am and 1:00 pm, Saturdays; and
- No work may be carried out on Sundays or public holidays.

Heavier construction activities such as rock breaking can only be carried out between the following hours:

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday to Friday;
- 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday; and
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday.

How has Loreto Kirribilli been sensitive to local residents in its planning for the Innovation Centre?

A number of elements of the design for the Innovation Centre were influenced by a desire to minimise any impact on local residents. For example, the School chose a design for the Innovation Centre that would be lower in height than the adjacent street-facing building in order to try to minimise any impact on water views for local residents. In order to achieve this, the Centre will be built into the sandstone, with four levels of basement.

Will the number of enrolments at the School increase as a result of the project?

As a result of the redevelopment, the School will be able to enrol an additional 30 students. However, given the current capacity is 1100, that equates to a 0.03% increase in student numbers.

What will be the impact of the building works on local residents?

There will inevitably be some impact on local residents, but Loreto Kirribilli is committed to keeping local residents informed throughout the building project and to limiting and mitigating any impacts wherever possible.

What about construction impacts such as dust, vibration and noise?

Dirt and dust caused by construction will be mitigated and monitored as part of the project management to ensure the health and wellbeing of students, staff and the local community.

The consent conditions stipulate a range of measures to prevent and/or minimise the construction impacts, including the insulation of mechanical plants, vibration and dust control measures, and noise compliance monitoring.

What will be done about local traffic, transport and parking?

A preliminary traffic study was required as part of the State Significant Development Application and, as part of the consent conditions, detailed plans are required regarding construction traffic management and pedestrian access arrangements during construction works. The School has also undertaken to restrict the drop-off and pick-up zone on Carabella St to junior school students only via a new permit system.

Construction vehicles will access the School via Carabella Street, near the Marian Centre and the Junior School, outside school peak hours, and every effort will be made to limit on-street parking.

Will drilling into the sandstone cause vibrations that will damage my property?

Before any work is done a dilapidation survey will be carried out on directly adjoining properties.

The Environmental Impact Statement includes information about mitigating any construction impacts.

Most of the sandstone work will be undertaken by saws which are not only quieter, but also cause less vibration. A hammer will only be used on the very hard rock which our geotech experts indicate is a small amount of stone only.

Will any trees be removed?

Ten (10) trees have been approved for removal.