



REBUILDING SANDRINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will Sandringham Primary School be located until the school is rebuilt?

We are planning to establish a temporary school for Sandringham Primary at the junior campus of Sandringham Secondary College (Bluff Road). The aim is for students to attend the temporary school from the beginning of Term 2, 2020, and throughout the 2020 and 2021 school years. We will be working through the arrangements with the Sandringham Secondary College (SSC) community in the weeks ahead.

We believe that Bluff Road is the best location for the temporary school, because it allows:

- all Sandringham Primary School students to be located together on one site
- good access for drop-off and pick-up
- proximity to Sandringham Primary school
- layout of modular classrooms to support a sense of community
- several safe play spaces for all students.

Sandringham PS (SPS) will have its own dedicated space on the northern grassed area of the campus and access to facilities to enable specialist programs to continue.

Though the details of the school operations are still being worked through, the VSBA will work closely with both schools to make the temporary school at Bluff Road a great space for students, staff and the community.

How was the temporary school location decided?

We considered a number of locations for the temporary school, including retaining the existing temporary arrangements.

We've heard that the current arrangements are less convenient for families, and we know that school pick-up and drop-off is challenging.

One of the major advantages of the Bluff Road campus option is that it allows all SPS students to be located together on one site.

The Bluff Road option also provides good space for learning and outdoor play, with better accessibility for pick-up and drop-off.



Why can't we establish a temporary school on the existing Sandringham PS site?

We know that families wish to return to Bamfield Street as soon as possible. We also know that most families ideally wanted the school to be able to operate from Bamfield Street during the rebuild. We gave this option serious consideration.

It has become clear that having students onsite during major construction would present safety risks and disrupt the learning environment for our students and staff. It would severely limit the outdoor play space available, as our temporary facilities would take up the playing field and most of the courts.

Returning to Bamfield Street would also delay the rebuild timeframe. We're currently targeting the start of the 2022 school year for returning to the site, but this would likely not be possible if we were on site during construction, as construction access would be restricted by our temporary facilities and the need for additional safety precautions.

For how long will SPS students be at Bluff Road?

We are planning for students to be attending the temporary school through the 2020 and 2021 school years, with the aim of returning to the Bamfield Street for the 2022 school year.

The usual timeframe to build a school is 2-3 years, but the VSBA is working to expedite the process, with demolition and site preparation already underway.

It will take some time to ensure the rebuild is carefully planned to equip the school for its future and to minimise disruption to students and staff.

When will the relocation of SPS to Sandringham Secondary College (SSC) Bluff Road campus happen?

The VSBA is working to establish the temporary school for the beginning of Term 2, 2020. We'll keep you updated about plans for transitioning to the new campus.

When will we be able to see the Bluff Road campus?

The VSBA is working through the set-up plans, with preparation works on the Bluff Road campus due to get underway soon.

We are aiming to host an 'Open Day' for parents and students at the new campus before school starts back for Term 2. We will keep you updated as plans progress.

How will Sandringham Primary School operate within the Bluff Road campus?



Sandringham Primary School will have dedicated space on the northern grassed area of the campus and access to facilities to enable specialist programs continue.

The VSBA has a team that specialises in providing temporary school facilities, via relocatable buildings and associated landscaping and equipment. This team will ensure that our students and staff have access to everything they need to provide a great learning environment until our school is rebuilt.

We'll ensure the safety and security of students and staff, and make sure pick-up and drop-off areas are suitably managed.

Will there be fencing around the Sandringham Primary School campus?

Sandringham Primary School students will be located at the northern end of the campus, and a fence will divide the two schools. There is also a perimeter fence surrounding the area.

Will the two schools share school facilities and play areas?

Sandringham Primary School will have its own classrooms, administration building, toilets and playground area. The two schools are working together on timetable adjustments to ensure that all students have access to shared facilities, such as sports fields and specialist classrooms, and that recess and lunchtimes are appropriately staggered.

What are the relocatable classrooms like?

Relocatable classrooms provide teachers and students with modern learning environments, including double-glazed windows and improved acoustic and thermal insulation to reduce heat loss and internal noise reverberation. Split system air conditioning and heating will be provided in all relocatable buildings.

Sandringham Primary School will be provided with a grant to furnish and equip the relocatable buildings. Equipment that has not been affected by the fire will be transferred across.

What playground equipment will be available?

The VSBA, in consultation with Sandringham Primary School, will ensure that suitable equipment for a playground is provided.

While playground equipment normally has a lead-time of approximately 4 months, we will do everything we can to ensure Sandringham Primary School students have suitable equipment as soon as possible.



How will additional road and pedestrian traffic be managed?

Both schools, the VSBA and the Department are working with Bayside City Council to develop traffic management plans to ensure we have an effective and safe plan for all vehicles and pedestrians. This may include additional crossing supervisors.

What transport options are available?

One of the reasons the Bluff Road campus was chosen was its proximity to Bamfield Street. The campuses are approximately 1.3km apart – roughly a 15-minute walk or 3-minute drive.

We know that for some families, this will add to travel times for pick-up and drop-off, while for others it will make the daily routine easier.

At the request of parents, the VSBA is assessing the provision of a shuttle bus between Bamfield Street and Bluff Road. We will advise you of the outcome of this assessment as soon as possible.

What is the process for designing and rebuilding the school?

The process for designing and building a school can take 2-3 years. The VSBA is working to expedite this process, with the aim of having Bamfield Street ready for the 2022 school year.

The process for appointing an architect will begin soon. The VSBA works with architects who are experts in educational design, and appoints architects and builders in accordance with Victorian Government procurement processes and policies.

The VSBA is currently seeking community input to the plans and will work closely with school leadership and the School Council throughout the planning and design process.

Will the school community be involved in plans for the rebuild?

The school community will be involved throughout the rebuild of Sandringham Primary School.

To inform the design, the VSBA wants to know what your favourite places and spaces are at Sandringham Primary, and what you would like to see in the new school.

Engagement began on Tuesday 3 March and we encourage you to get involved through:

- the online survey at engage.vic.gov.au/rebuilding-sandringham-primary-school
- attending the second engagement session!:
 - Thursday 12 March, 7-8pm
 - The Stadium, Sandringham East Primary School, Holloway Road.



Can we continue using the Bamfield Street oval and play areas while the rebuild occurs?

We understand the local community enjoys use of the Sandringham Primary school grounds outside of school hours, and we will consider making this possible as part of construction planning. We won't be able to confirm site requirements until construction plans are in place. Safety will be the primary consideration, along with ensuring the construction team has unrestricted access to enable construction to be completed as soon as possible.

How can I stay up to date?

We will provide regular project updates on the Bluff Road campus arrangements and on the rebuild of Sandringham Primary through schoolstream and our website.