



REBUILDING SANDRINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Rebuild

When will the rebuild be complete?

Designing and building a school can take two to three years. The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is working to speed up this process.

We have completed design for the school's rebuild, and plan to appoint a builder in late November 2020. Construction will commence in December 2020. We are on track to complete the rebuild and have the school ready for Term 1, 2022.

Has the school community been involved in plans for the rebuild?

Yes. We consulted the community on the rebuild from 3-25 March 2020. The consultation included an online survey and a face-to-face event. We have used the community feedback to create a 'What We Heard' report, which helped shape the design of the rebuilt school. This report can be downloaded from our [Sandringham Primary School VSBA project page](#).

What will the rebuild include?

We are rebuilding parts of the school that were destroyed or damaged in the fire.

The new permanent facilities include modern indoor and outdoor learning areas, a library, an art workshop and staff facilities. The rebuild will also include outdoor play and sporting spaces that were damaged by the fire.

Are existing relocatable classrooms included in the rebuild? What is the plan for these?

The relocatables were not impacted by the fire, and will continue to be available for the school to use.



Will the rebuild provide specific design features to protect students from sun and rain?

Yes. The rebuild will provide a variety of retreat spaces where children can gather during hot, wet and windy weather. The walkover for the new second storey level will also provide an undercover area for students. The school will continue to run standard procedures, such as wet-day timetabling, to ensure children are safe during extreme weather events.

Will play spaces be included in the rebuild?

Thankfully, most of the school's play equipment was untouched by the fire and remains in good condition for students to use.

Landscape works are part of the rebuild. This includes re-landscaping the lost deck area and creating a new hardcourt play space for students. The design also includes outdoor learning areas across the site and creates spaces that enable students to engage with the school's landscaping.

How much of the original school building has been retained?

The school, and our design team, prioritised keeping elements from the original building where possible. We have retained half the original school building, and salvaged remnants of the brick walls around the south-boundary and the original staff common room. These areas will be an important part of integrating Sandringham Primary School's history with its new facilities.

How can I stay up to date?

We will provide regular project updates on the rebuild of Sandringham Primary School through the [school website](#) and the [Sandringham Primary School VSBA Project Page](#).