

# MOUNT OMMANEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

# BUILDING UPDATE

# BULLETIN



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS FORTNIGHT?

Mike, Chrissy and Helen have been meeting regularly with the builders and department through the Building Steering Committee. We now have a clearer timeline and a few important updates to share.

From **22 June 2026 (Week 10, Term 2)**, the builders will start setting up safety fencing. This will cover the area from the left side of the Capitol Drive entrance right through to the current bus set-down zone. At the same time, they'll begin setting up the work site for J Block and the Endeavour Street carpark.

Some parts of J Block will still be accessible for students early on, while they build a new undercover area to replace the current undercroft.

We'll still have access to the current bus set down through Week 10 Term 2 but work in that area will begin over the June/July holidays. When we return in Term 3, that whole section will be closed off until around **July 2027**. (see photo below, shaded orange shows fenced off site area)

We're working closely with the builders to finalise a temporary access plan for the next 12 months. This will use the current ECDP access road, along with the temporary carpark and turning circle. By then, we'll also have a fully enclosed, shaded ramp connecting drop-off points to admin and the rest of the school.

We're also looking at slightly adjusting drop-off and pick-up times to give everyone a bit more space and time to move safely through the area. Information about these will follow in an upcoming Bulletin.



**Staff parking will be very limited onsite.** Staff will need to either:

- park at Mount Ommaney Shopping Centre (we'll organise a school bus pick-up and drop-off), or
- park in local streets

There may also be some parking available at the Catholic Church of the Twelve Apostles (more details to come). Parking on Endeavour Street will still be an option, but builders will be accessing the site from there, so some spaces may be taken at times.

Closer to the time, we'll share clear photos and videos so you know exactly where to go. We'll also have traffic wardens on site, along with familiar school staff, to help guide everyone.

This Bulletin will be our main way of keeping you updated. We'll share updates every fortnight as things progress.

If you have any questions, feel free to email [buildingupdates@mtommaneyspecs.eq.edu.au](mailto:buildingupdates@mtommaneyspecs.eq.edu.au) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

If your question is about the construction itself, please call:  
**Wiley & Co Project Manager: Alex Readman on 0421 749 998**

## This week's key points:

- Safety fencing and site setup will begin from 22 June 2026 (Week 10, Term 2).
- The J Block and current bus set-down area will be closed from Term 3 until July 2027
- A temporary access plan, including new drop-off areas and a shaded access ramp, is being finalised.
- Staff parking onsite will be very limited, with alternative parking and transport arrangements planned
- Families and staff will receive regular updates, photos, videos, and onsite support to help navigate changes safely.

# PROJECT TIMELINE – CURRENT AS OF 8/05/2026

(This timeline is reviewed weekly and may change as projects progress. If timelines change, updates will be reflected in the next bulletin.)

Project / Milestone	Target Date	Status	Notes
New Classroom block and Hall Site Establishment	22 Jun 2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	Alternative temporary pickup and drop off area planned. Minimal staff car parking onsite.
J Block Site Establishment	22 Jun 2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	Parking on Endeavour Road still available but slightly restricted.
J Block Covered Play Area Handover	16 Sep 2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	This will happen before the undercroft in J block is closed off.
Endeavour Road Carpark Site Establishment	30 Nov 2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
Vehicle Drop-off & Playground Site Establishment	14 Dec 2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
J Block Handover	15 Mar 2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
Drop-off, Roadworks & Carpark Site Establishment	28 Apr 2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
Endeavour St Carpark Handover	17 May 2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
Drop-off, Roadworks & Carpark Handover	28 Jul 2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
New Classroom Block and Hall Handover	18 Aug 2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
Vehicle Drop-off & Playground Handover	21 Sep 2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upcoming <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	

## CURRENT PROJECT UPDATE

**Project / Milestone:** Construction site fencing and temporary access changes begin.

**What is happening?** New fencing, parking, access and drop-off arrangements being introduced safely.

**When is it happening?** 22/06/2026 Safety fencing will be installed during Week 10 Term 2; however, current parking and bus set-down access will remain available until Term 3 begins. From the start of Term 3, all parking within the fenced area and access to the current bus set-down zone will close.

### Who will this impact?

- Staff
- Students
- Families
- Visitors
- Contractors

### How will this impact the community?

- Impacts will begin from the start of Term 3.
- There will be no or very limited onsite parking available for staff.
- Limited short-term parent parking will be available for drop-off and pick-up.
- All traffic will enter and exit via the current ECDP access road.
- External traffic wardens will support traffic flow and safety.
- There may be slight adjustments to drop-off and pick-up time windows.
- A temporary ramp and access pathway will be used for approximately 12 months.
- Access to admin and the school will be redirected alongside the pool building.
- Additional fencing, screening and fob-access gates will be installed for safety.
- Photos, videos and social stories will be shared before the end of term to help prepare students and families for the changes.

### What do you need to know / be aware of?

- ✓ Temporary access and parking changes will begin from the start Term 3.
- ✓ New ramps, fencing and traffic directions will support safe school access.
- ✓ Photos, videos and social stories will prepare students before changes occur.

# ACTIONS/PLANNING/MITIGATION

## What the school is doing to minimise disruption:

- Traffic wardens, updated access routes and temporary infrastructure will support safe movement for students, families, staff and visitors daily.
  - Photos, videos and social stories will be shared before Term 3 to help students prepare for environmental changes.
  - Regular fortnightly updates will keep families informed about parking, access arrangements, timelines and any adjustments to school procedures.
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

**Question:** When will the changes start?

**Answer:** Safety fencing will be set up in Week 10 Term 2 but kept open. New traffic and access arrangements begin from Term 3 when fences remain closed.

**Question:** How long will the construction project run for?

**Answer:** Major works are expected to continue through until September 2027, with different stages completed progressively.

**Question:** Will there still be parent drop-off parking available?

**Answer:** Yes. Temporary parent parking will still be available during peak times, including “Hug and Go” and 5-minute parking options.

**Question:** Can parents still choose to park or use the drop-off queue?

**Answer:** Yes. Families can either join the drop-off queue or park in the temporary ECDP carpark area.

**Question:** Will there be parking available for staff?

**Answer:** Very limited onsite staff parking will be available, areas designated for ECDP staff, admin and other staff..

**Question:** Will temporary parking areas be clearly signed?

**Answer:** Yes. All temporary parking, access roads and designated areas will be clearly signed and communicated.

**Question:** How will students be prepared for the changes?

**Answer:** We will provide photos, videos, visual supports and social stories before changes begin to help students transition safely.

**Question:** How will families stay updated during construction?

**Answer:** Updates will be shared every fortnight through the Bulletin, along with photos, videos and important reminders.

**Question:** Will there be more information about the construction project itself?

**Answer:** Yes. Wiley Constructions will host an online Teams information session for community members later this term. Further details will be shared soon.

**Question:** Will traffic support be available onsite?

**Answer:** Yes. Traffic wardens and familiar school staff will help support safe movement during peak times.

**Question:** Will access to the school change?

**Answer:** Yes. Temporary access routes and ramps will redirect entry alongside the pool building during construction works.

**Question:** Will there be changes to pick-up and drop-off times?

**Answer:** Yes. There will be some adjustments to the parent pick-up and drop-off time windows to support safer traffic flow. Bus arrival and departure times will remain the same. More information will be shared clearly before the end of term.

**Question:** Will J Block classes remain upstairs for the duration of the project?

**Answer:** Yes. Classes in J Block will continue as normal throughout the project. During the initial phase, some temporary adjustments will be needed when the lift is unavailable, with the ramp used as an alternative access point.

**Question:** How will you keep my child safe in the new drop-off areas?

**Answer:** Additional fencing will be installed throughout the temporary ECDP carpark area to prevent students accessing Endeavour Street. The ramp area will also be fenced, with secure gates at both the top and bottom to support safe transitions.

**Question:** Will the buzzer/intercom at bus set-down be operating again?

**Answer:** No. The old intercom system at bus set-down has been disconnected and will not be reconnected. Before the area is closed off in Term 3, parents will need to walk students to the Administration area for late arrivals, early pickups, or sign in/sign out requirements.

**Question:** Will staff still collect or drop off students directly from cars at bus set-down in the new arrangement from Term 3?

**Answer:** No. Parents will need to bring students to the bottom of the ramp, buzz the office, and staff will open the gate for students to walk up with parents. For late arrivals and early pickups, parents will also sign students in or out. In some extreme cases, staff may meet families at the car if a student is dysregulated.

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# COMMUNICATION PLAN

How this update is being communicated:

## Who to?

- Staff
- Families
- P&C
- Transport providers
- Wider community

**When?** Fortnightly, alternate Fridays to the Family KIT

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## How?

- Building Update Bulletin, linked to Facebook, Website, email, KIT,
- Meeting

**Responsible Officer:** Mike Curtis, Principal

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## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Please contact the school if you have questions, concerns or require clarification about school access, safety, communication, parking or transition arrangements.

 Phone: 3717 6888

 Email: [buildingupdates@mtommaneyspecs.eq.edu.au](mailto:buildingupdates@mtommaneyspecs.eq.edu.au)

If your question relates specifically to the building or construction works themselves, rather than school preparation or site operations, please contact the Wiley Constructions Project Manager directly:

**Alex Readman – Wiley & Co Project Manager**

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