

MOUNT OMMANEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

BUILDING UPDATE

BULLETIN



Exciting News – Our New J Block Undercover Area Is Open!

We are very excited to announce that our **new J Block undercover play area is now officially functional and being enjoyed by our students!**

This is a great milestone in our building project and a very welcomed addition to our school facilities. Students have already been making the most of the space, particularly enjoying riding their bikes and scooters around the new undercover area. The area provides a large, flexible, covered space that will support a range of activities, including outdoor learning, physical activity, structured play, recreation and school events.

This will also become a valuable space for future school and community functions, providing additional flexibility for gatherings and activities, subject to weather conditions, particularly extreme heat and heavy rain.

While the undercover area is now functional, it is important to remember that the surrounding grounds remain an active construction site. Some of the permanent drainage and stormwater management works are still being completed. As a result, the area may experience some water runoff or pooling during significant rainfall, as we saw during this week's storms.

These drainage arrangements will improve as construction progresses and the permanent infrastructure is completed.

Construction Progress – 19 to 23 October 2026

Wiley and its contractors have continued progressing works across several areas of the school despite significant rainfall throughout the week.

J Block Undercover Area

This week's achievements include:

- Completion of pressure washing and cleaning of the new concrete surface.
- Installation of temporary fencing to separate the completed play area from ongoing construction.
- Receipt of the completion certificate from Wiley's certifier.
- The new undercover area becoming functional and available for student use.

This represents an important milestone, with students now able to benefit from a major component of the building project while other works continue.



J Block Construction and Car Park

Work has continued on the infrastructure and foundations associated with the J Block redevelopment.

Progress this week included:

- Continuing stormwater drainage works.
- Commencing detailed excavation for foundation piers and beams.
- Completing excavation for the J Block car park detention tank.
- Undertaking temporary rainwater mitigation works following significant rainfall.

These works are essential to establishing the foundations and drainage infrastructure for the next stages of construction.



New General Learning Areas and Hall – Blocks L and M

Progress has also continued on the new learning facilities and hall.

This week's works included:

- Commencing excavation for the Block M stormwater detention tank.
- Completing excavation of the lift pits for Blocks L and M.
- Undertaking rainwater mitigation works to manage the impact of recent storms.

These are important early construction activities that will support the development of our new teaching spaces and multipurpose facilities.



Managing the Impact of This Week's Storms

The construction site experienced more than 85 mm of rainfall this week, creating challenging conditions for excavation, drainage and other groundworks.

Wiley has undertaken temporary rainwater mitigation works across the site to help manage these conditions.

The significant rainfall has also highlighted some of the temporary drainage limitations around the new J Block undercover area.

While the permanent drainage systems are still under construction, we will continue working with Wiley to identify practical temporary solutions to minimise water entering or accumulating in areas being used by students.

The construction program will be reassessed once the full impact of the weather event is known.

At this stage, no other critical works have been identified as being ahead of the scheduled program.

What's Happening Next Week?

Subject to weather and site conditions, the following works are scheduled.

J Block Undercover Area

- Cleaning up any water overflow affecting the Endeavour Street car park area.
- Continuing to monitor the surrounding construction area and temporary drainage arrangements.

J Block

- Continuing underground services installation.
- Continuing detailed excavation for foundation piers and beams.
- Commencing installation of the stormwater detention tank, subject to site conditions.

New Learning Areas and Hall – Blocks L and M

- Waterproofing the completed lift pits.
- Installing reinforcement into the lift pit walls.
- Commencing blockwork footings for Block L.
- Progressing detention tank installation, subject to site conditions.

These works will continue to establish the foundations, underground services and stormwater infrastructure required for the next stages of construction.

Managing Construction Around Our School

As construction continues, some activities may temporarily affect access, movement or other areas of the school.

The upcoming installation of stormwater detention tanks is one activity that may create temporary disruptions.

Wiley has committed to communicating any anticipated impacts in advance so that the school can make appropriate arrangements and minimise disruption to students, staff and families.

We will continue to work closely with the project team to ensure student safety, maintain access wherever possible and support the smooth operation of the school throughout construction.

The next scheduled fortnightly site meeting with Wiley will be held on **Thursday 5 November 2026**.

Project Status

At this stage, there are no critical elements of the project reported as being behind schedule. Our next fortnightly meeting with the project team is scheduled for 24 September, and we will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Safety & Access Improvements

Tracking table below shows project status

Improvement	Update / scope	Summary status	Tracker status
Front boundary fencing	Horizontal fence bar to prevent students passing through	Complete	Complete
Admin entry security	Additional access buzzer and camera at bottom gate	Complete	Complete
Gate latches (tracker item 3)	Gate latches on gates	Complete	Closed
Electric strike (tracker item 4)	Adjust handle / electric strike configuration	Complete	Closed
Gate safety	Gate latches, handles and electric-strike configuration adjusted	Complete	Closed
Admin double gate	Active leaf swapped to reduce clash point	Complete	Closed
Temporary staff parking	Tree removed from temporary staff parking	Complete	Closed
Accessible parking	PWD bay line marking following tree removal	In progress	Open – delayed; weather permitting
Bus lane safety	Chevron line marking at bus lane entry	Complete	Closed
Pedestrian access	Pathway beside Capitol Drive parking following Telstra works	Complete	Open – nearing completion
Pedestrian crossing	Additional crossing review; crossing no longer required	Complete	Open – no longer required
Signage	Laminated signage to be replaced with permanent signage	In progress	Open – school to provide proofs
Bus signage	Give Way sign installed	Complete	Closed
Admin walkway	Gap at top of walkway outside Admin closed	Complete	Closed
Front kerb area	Additional barriers to prevent access through open kerb area	Complete	Open – relocating bollards
Cul-de-sac / basin	Additional water barriers on west side of cul-de-sac	Complete	Closed – awaiting delivery
ECDP entry	Tie mesh along gate/fence to close gaps	Complete	Open – installation recorded 6 Oct
J Block retaining basin	Higher fencing around retaining basin	Complete	Closed – almost complete
A3 outdoor area	Small fence and gate; markup completed	Complete	Open – cost review
Library & MP areas	Temporary fencing and gates for J Block relocation; markup completed	Complete	Closed – costs under review
ECDP access	Temporary gate and walkway matting	In progress	Open – gate / airlock requested
Accessible carparks	Reversible accessible bay line marking; widening planned for holidays	Open	Open – pending
Water-filled barriers	Barrier specifications under review for impact protection	Open	Open – pending

PROJECT TIMELINE – CURRENT AS OF 11/09/2026

(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
J Block Covered Play Area Handover	16 Sep 2026	☐ Upcoming ☐ Current ☒ Complete	
Endeavour Road Carpark Site Establishment	30 Nov 2026	☐ Upcoming ☒ Current ☐ Complete	
Vehicle Drop-off & Playground Site Establishment	14 Dec 2026	☒ Upcoming ☐ Current ☐ Complete	
J Block Handover	15 Mar 2027	☒ Upcoming ☐ Current ☐ Complete	
Drop-off, Roadworks & Carpark Site Establishment	28 Apr 2027	☐ Upcoming ☒ Current ☐ Complete	
Endeavour St Carpark Handover	17 May 2027	☒ Upcoming ☐ Current ☐ Complete	
Drop-off, Roadworks & Carpark Handover	28 Jul 2027	☒ Upcoming ☐ Current ☐ Complete	
New Classroom Block and Hall Handover	18 Aug 2027	☒ Upcoming ☐ Current ☐ Complete	
Vehicle Drop-off & Playground Handover	21 Sep 2027	☒ Upcoming ☐ Current ☐ Complete	

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

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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:

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