

MOUNT OMMANEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

BUILDING UPDATE

BULLETIN



What's Been Happening

Here's a quick summary of what's been happening on site over the past fortnight:

- Demolition has continued for the new classroom block and recreation hall.
- Removal of the old driveway, car park and shed has continued to make way for the next stage of construction.
- Temporary site services, including power, plumbing and the relocation of site sheds, have continued.
- Initial underground services and site preparation works have now commenced, including stormwater, electrical and Telstra relocation works.
- Earthworks have also begun in the J Block undercover play area.
- Planning and procurement of materials continues to keep the project on schedule.
- The project remains on schedule, with no significant delays or issues reported this week. There are also no additional works expected to impact school operations beyond the current arrangements already in place.



Looking to the future

With so much progress happening in a short period of time, the site is looking very different. To help everyone picture what's to come, we've been given permission to share the latest architectural renders of the project.

While these are artist's impressions and some details may change, they provide a great indication of what our future facilities will look like.



Traffic and Safety Update

Overall, our new temporary pick-up and drop-off arrangements are working well. Again, thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation as we continue to streamline the new system.

The success of these arrangements relies on three groups working together:

- our staff directing traffic,
- parents and carers following staff directions, and
- bus drivers doing the same.

Our staff are out there every morning and afternoon to keep everyone safe. Please follow their directions at all times, even if it means waiting a little longer. We've had a small number of near misses where drivers moved before being directed to do so. Thankfully no one was hurt, but these situations are entirely preventable.

Sharing the Space with ECDP

One of the biggest challenges has been sharing the area with our Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP). While our arrival and departure times are slightly different, there are periods where both communities are using the same space.

We know this can be overwhelming for some of our youngest children and their families, particularly when navigating busy traffic, older students and limited parking.

To improve this, we are currently working with the Department of Education on a number of possible improvements, including:

- creating additional temporary staff parking to free up more parent spaces;
- widening parent parking bays to improve accessibility for prams, wheelchairs and mobility equipment;
- improving pedestrian pathways between the car park and the school; and
- creating a separate entry pathway from the carpark for ECDP families.

These proposals are currently being considered, and I'll provide an update once they are confirmed.

Safety Improvements

Safety remains our highest priority.

A number of improvements are already underway or awaiting completion, including:

- additional fencing around the site and retention basin;
- repairs to damaged service pits and covers;
- improvements to uneven surfaces and loose gravel;
- safer pedestrian access from Capitol Drive;
- additional barriers where required; and
- ongoing improvements identified through our regular site inspections.

Some of these works take time, particularly where approvals or contractors are involved. Where this happens, we work with the Department and Wiley to put interim safety measures in place until permanent solutions can be completed.

Reporting Safety Concerns

Our leadership team, together with our Health, Safety and Wellbeing Coordinator, inspects the site regularly and meets frequently with the Department and Wiley to identify risks, track progress and push for timely action.

While we work hard to identify issues before they become problems, we're not going to see everything. If you notice something that concerns you, please email me directly. That is by far the quickest way for us to investigate and either:

- address it immediately,
- confirm it has already been identified and is being actioned, or
- implement temporary safety measures while a permanent solution is arranged.

Please don't feel you need to report it through other channels first. Complaints (anonymous or otherwise) to external agencies are referred back to the school and ultimately come through me anyway. Reporting concerns directly to me allows us to respond much more quickly and work with the right people immediately.

Thank you again for your ongoing patience, understanding and support as we work through these temporary arrangements. While there are still improvements to make, we're confident the system will continue to improve over the coming weeks.

PROJECT TIMELINE – CURRENT AS OF 31/07/2026

(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	

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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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