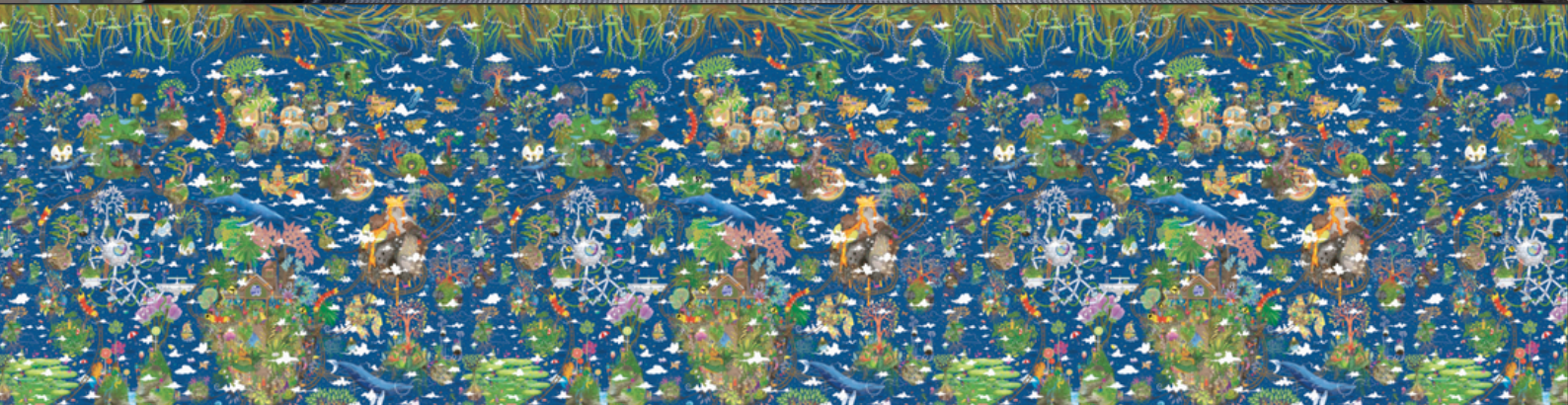


# GARRAN PRIMARY'S BRAND-NEW BUILDING: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW



This informational guide tells you all you need to know about our brand-new building.

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# SCHOOL FACILITIES: STAGE 1

With a new building comes many new facilities. Below is a list of what you can expect to see in this first stage of Garran Primary School's modernisation:

- Front Office – Admin & Leadership Wing
- Temporary Canteen
- Library – The Hive
- Upstairs Garden – Chillax Garden
- Staffroom – Staff Lounge
- Flexible Learning – The Nest
- Shaded Play – Tree Grove
- Franklin Terrace
- Central Courtyard



## LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Students will have time in their explicit learning spaces as well as time in collaboration areas, and will be able to move into specialist spaces at different times during the day.

- Juniors Ground Floor – Lilly Pilly
- Juniors Ground Floor – Wattle
- Seniors Level 1 – Ironbark
- Seniors Level 1 – Rivergum



## ORIENTATION

### Orientation for students

Students will visit the new site to assist them in finding their way around our new facilities and to learn about their new playground areas, and our expectations for how we do things at Garran before we move across.

### Parent orientation visits

Our Year 6 students would love to take families around the school and talk to you about how we will be using the outdoor and indoor spaces. These will be available to all families. More information will be provided soon.



# MORNING DROP-OFF

We ask that families do not leave students on their own before 8.40am, because there is no teacher supervision in the playground until this time.

After arriving at school, children are to put their bag on their designated bag rack outside of their Learning Community and then wait in the Central Courtyard until the bell rings. When the bell rings, children are to walk to their bag at their Learning Community, put their hat in their bag, get their water bottle and fruit break snacks, and then move into their Learning Community to line up outside of their classroom. We ask families to say goodbye to children outside of the Learning Community where possible.

Any student arriving after 9.15am will need to sign-in at the front office as the front fence/gate will be closed from this time.

Preschool parents/carers must sign-in children at the preschool at 9am.

# AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Parents can wait in the courtyard to pick-up their children. We ask that the centre of the courtyard be kept free so we can assemble students who will be moving to the turning circle for pick-up. Older students may be able to meet parents at a designated place on the Garran oval, on the Garran laneway, or at the Garran shops.

Preschool parents/carers must sign-out students at the preschool at 3pm.

## School turning-circle pick-up

Staff will continue to assist students to their parents'/carers' cars after school at the turning circle. The turning circle will work as it has previously. Parents are to access the turning circle as follows:

1. Display a slip on your front windscreen with your child's name and class written on it (see picture at right as example).
2. Drive into the carpark and keep left.
3. Make sure your display slip with your child's name and class is clearly visible to teachers assisting at the turning circle.
4. Do not get out of your car.
5. Move towards the assembled students.
6. Teachers will guide your children to move into your car.
7. Drive slowly out of the carpark.



# SCHOOL ACCESS

Road access is from Kitchener Street, next to the Scout Hall. A boomgate has been installed to restrict parking in the school area until stage 2 of the building works are completed. Families are encouraged to utilise the school 'turning circle' to pick-up their children, or to park at a distance and walk to the school.

Crossing supervisors will continue on:

- Kitchener Street
- Palmer Street intersection
- Gilmore Crescent

## School fencing

The new school building is fenced. It will be open at the front of the school for students and families to enter each morning and to leave in the afternoons.

During school hours, anyone who wants to access the school will need to do so

through the front office foyer, as the gates will be closed. All access to the school will be through the front of the school until the building works are completed.



# SIGNING-OUT STUDENTS

Students will only be dismissed through the front office during school hours. For students who need to leave school between 9.15am and 3pm, parents should come to the front office to sign them out. Families are asked wherever possible to avoid signing-out students between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.



# FIRST AID & UNIFORM SHOP



## First Aid

Students who are unwell or otherwise need support might be sent to Sick Bay, in the front office. If you are called to collect your child, please come to the front office.

## Uniform Shop

The P&C-operated uniform shop is just inside the front entry of the school, on the left. Opening days and times are advertised in the School Newsletter each fortnight.

# AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

The library is known as the Hive. Two classrooms at the back of the Hive, known as the Nest, and other spaces in the Wattle learning community to the right of the Nest, have been allocated for Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) operations. The OSHC provider, Woden Community Services, will provide information directly to families or through the school newsletter regarding their procedures.



## TOILETS

The evolution of bathroom design in Australian primary schools reflects a growing commitment to inclusivity, safety, and accessibility.

In accordance with this commitment, male and female toilets in the new building are co-located in shared toilet blocks, while male and female toilet cubicles are separated from each other within the shared toilet blocks.

Toilets within the blocks are clearly marked as either male or female. Gender-neutral toilets are also available elsewhere in the new building.

Toilets are inside single stall, lockable cubicles ensuring total privacy for all students. In junior toilet blocks, the handwashing area is a shared space. In senior toilet blocks, the cubicles contain a handwashing basin within them.

This inclusive bathroom design is guided by several principles, including privacy, safety, accessibility, and cultural sensitivity. These principles make sure bathrooms meet the needs of all users.



# PLAYGROUND AREAS

## Rooftop Garden – Chillax Garden

We now have a fabulous rooftop garden which will be used by students at different times during the day.



## Franklin Terrace

This area between the school building and the Garran units has been terraced with beautiful sandstone blocks for use by all students. It has a large sand-play zone, trees and areas for handball and other games. It is a quiet-place space rather than a chasing or running area.



## Tree Grove

This shady place is for those who like to 'just be' with their friends during the break. Parents may also use this area while waiting to pick up their children.



## Central Courtyard

This area can be used by all students during the breaks and before school.



# OTHER KEY DETAILS

## Specialist curriculum delivery

Students participating in Music, Indonesian or other specialist subjects will be in either their explicit teaching space or one of the flexible spaces, until stage 2 of the project is completed.

## Meeting with staff

The school has several meeting rooms in the front office and the library. When arriving for a meeting, check-in at the front office and we will help you find the meeting room.

## Enrichment providers

All activities and programs will continue. All providers will meet students in the Courtyard and take children to their designated areas. Parents will collect students from the designated areas.

## Library

The library is not open yet for borrowing.

## Walking and riding to school

A bike rack is provided. Students are to walk their bike, scooter, or other wheels inside the school fence and put their bike in the designated area.

## Notes

Any notes can be given to the classroom teacher, or put in the labelled note boxes inside the foyer to the left of the front office.

## Canteen

The temporary canteen run by the P&C will take lunch orders but cannot provide over-the-counter sales. You will find it in the community hub, between the Administration Block and the preschool, on the left as you walk into the Central Courtyard.

