Artarmon Public School Temporary Site.

Barton Rd Campus

FAQ’s

Why are we moving to Barton road?
The new three storey building will be located on the McMillian Rd site, adjacent to Barton Rd. This means the removal of 7 demountable classrooms. To accommodate our students, the Department of Public Works is placing 9 demountable classrooms on a public site at the end of Barton Rd. This ensures that all students will be in classrooms for the duration of the building period.

How long will children be at Barton Rd?
At this stage, we believe the duration of the build will be 18 months.

What buildings will be on the Barton Rd campus?
9 classrooms
A toilet block
Administration building/office.

What staff will be on the Barton Rd campus?
An ‘off-class’ Assistant Principal.
An ‘on-class’ Assistant principal and 7 teachers.
Administration staff member (office person)
Cleans and General Assistant (for part of the day)

What classes will be going?
A mixture of mainstream and OC Year 5 & 6.

Why Year 5 & 6?
Year 5 and 6 students will be able to move between campuses quickly. There are no grades with 8 classes (aside from Kindergarten) so after much discussion it was agreed that a mixture of Year 5 & 6 classes is best.
**How will I know if my child is going to be on the Barton Rd campus?**
Day one in 2016, students will need to be dropped at McMillian Rd and classes will be formed. Children will know on that day which campus they will be on.

**Can I drop my child off at Barton Rd?**
No. There will be no parking in the cul de sac of Barton Rd or in Butchers Lane. Students can be dropped off at Abbott Rd campus, so they can walk across the oval to Barton Rd.

**Will there be a ‘kiss and drop’ zone on Barton or Reserve Rd?**
Not as yet. We will investigate the possibility.

**Will there a crossing guard on Reserve Rd?**
The P&C traffic committee will be speaking to council. However, this seems unlikely in the short term as traffic flow is not heavy enough.

**Will there be an extra pedestrian crossing across Milner Rd?**
No.

**Will there be an extended 40km hour zone?**
Yes.

**How will children know how to walk between campuses?**
Teachers will demonstrate to the students the best options for movement between sites from all directions.

**Where will I pick-up my child?**
All students will be walked to McMillian Rd each day for pick-up. There will be activities on each afternoon e.g. buddies, fitness, communication meetings or sport, so the students will be required to be on the main campus at dismissal time.

**What happens if it is raining?**
Children will still be dismissed from McMillian Rd.
If it is wet weather lunch, all children stay in their own classrooms.
Students will need to bring raincoats/umbrellas every day.

**How will programs continue?**
**Band/Strings:** Adrian and Matthew will organise tutorials for Barton Rd – there is a spare classroom space designated for extra-curricular.
Percussion tutorials will be on McMillian Rd, but timetabled with priority times for Barton Rd campus students.
Group rehearsals will continue, afterwards participants will be supervised walking down to the campus.
**Library:** For all years K-6 the library will become mobile for borrowing. Formal library lessons will cease for the duration of the build.
**Computers:** Extra computers will be placed at Barton Rd. Students will still have access to the lab if needed.
Canteen: There will be no canteen available for recess. Lunch orders will still be available and students will be able to access the canteen at lunch.

Playground: All Barton Rd students will stay at Barton Rd for recess. They will all be at the oval for lunch (all Year 5 and 6 will be at the oval at lunch each day)

**How will my child see all their friends?**
Cross-grade programs will run as normal, assemblies, sport, excursions, fitness etc. All stage 3 will be at the oval each day for lunch.

**What happens if my child is late?**
You will be able to drop them to Barton Rd and walk them to be signed in at the Barton Rd office.

**What happens if I want to pick up my child early?**
You will be able to sign your child out from Barton Rd. In the afternoons, they will need to be signed out from McMillian Rd.

**What happens if the bus is late?**
Students will go to the Barton Rd office and sign in as late

**Will students move from Barton Rd to Abbott Rd in pairs?**
No. They will always be accompanied by an adult, after morning arrival. This includes staff supervision using the crossing.

**Can I request my child stay at McMillian Rd or go to Barton Rd.**
No. Normal processes for class decisions will be used.

**Will the school keep siblings together?**
We will look at the numbers and decisions will be mindful of ease for families.

**Will the freeway be noisy for children at Barton Rd?**
All windows are sound-proofed.

**Will the building be noisy for children on McMillian Rd?**
Yes, at times. The Principal and Executive staff will work closely with the builders to try to minimise disruption to learning time.

**Will Barton Rd have SmartBoards and air-conditioning?**
Yes.

**How will prefect jobs continue e.g. announcements and Artarmon Radio?**
We will endeavour to keep these jobs going, alternatively we will organise for Barton Rd prefects to have alternate jobs. This will be discussed with the student executive in 2016.