



Russell Lea Infants School

Reclassification

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Following extensive consultation with the school and the broader community the NSW Department of Education is pleased to announce the reclassification of Russell Lea Infants School to Russell Lea Public School. The school will progressively enrol students in Years 4 to 6, with Year 4 starting in 2017, Year 5 in 2018 and Year 6 in 2019.

The reclassification will expand the educational opportunities that will support an inclusive whole school approach to the continuum of learning from Kindergarten to Year 6. A project to redevelop Russell Lea Public School, providing modern learning facilities, will be completed in 2019.

The population of the Drummoyne Peninsula is expected to grow by around 10 per cent by 2031. The reclassification of Russell Lea Infants School will assist in reducing enrolment pressure in this area. The revised boundaries for the Drummoyne Peninsula schools, can be viewed on the Department's website.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the wider community of Russell Lea for their input into this project.

The Department established a Project Reference Group (PRG) in Term 1, 2016 to continue the investigation into reclassifying the school. The PRG focused on recommendations outlined in *Russell Lea Infants School Proposed Reclassification, Consultation Report, December 2015*, including traffic management (both from the perspective of local residents and student safety), overshadowing, privacy and noise. Consultation will continue through the Design and Construction phases.

Information about the Project and progressive updates will be uploaded throughout the project on the Department of Education's website: <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/announcements/russell-lea-consultation>