

Refurbished administration building for Veresdale Scrub State School

Planning new facilities to support teaching and learning

The Department of Education is refurbishing the original administration building (Block A) at Veresdale Scrub State School.

The development will provide the school with an upgraded facility to meet Building Code of Australia standards.

Block A was identified as no longer fit-for-purpose in 2021 following an independent structural inspection, and two options for its future were presented to the community by the department as part of an extensive consultation from Friday 22 July to Sunday 14 August 2022, to seek feedback and understand local preferences for the future of the building.

Option One was to restore the existing administration building by rectifying the structural issues. Option Two was to remove the current building and replace it with a new, fit-for-purpose administration facility.

Throughout the three-week consultation process, it evolved that the community broadly supported a merging of the two options (retaining Block A for a different purpose while building a new administration). Funding has been provided to proceed with the refurbishment of the original administration building (Block A).

Since its opening, the original school building (Block A) has undergone considerable changes. These include the enclosure of its verandas, the demolition of a veranda wall, an extension and the loss of most original doors and windows. The refurbishment will reinstate the visual appeal of the original building. When the project is complete, the school will utilise Block A as a resource centre. Administration will continue to operate out of the existing Block B. The adjacent play shed will also be restored as part of the project.

Project scope (funded)

- Refurbish original administration building (Block A) to its original aesthetic, including:
 - new front veranda, new front stair access, Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) compliant access to rear of Block A, new floor finishes, new electrical fittings, structural rectification works, painting internally and externally, new air conditioning.
- Restore adjacent play shed, including:
 - new concrete slab, structural rectification of roof framing and supporting columns, new timber wall linings and painting to match the existing finish.

Next steps

The project is funded and is available on QTender, closing on 27 November 2024.

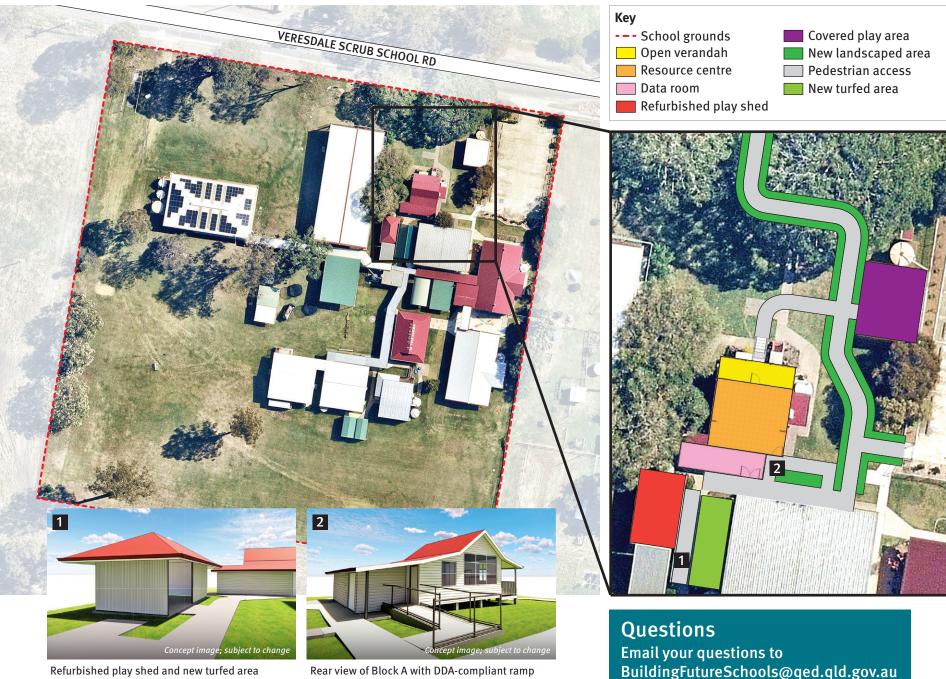
Works will commence on site in mid-December, once a construction contract has been finalised. The refurbishment of Block A is expected to be completed in April 2025 (weather dependant).





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Refurbished administration building for Veresdale Scrub State School – concept site plan



Refurbished play shed and new turfed area

Rear view of Block A with DDA-compliant ramp