



## CAMPBELLS BAY SCHOOL

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### Board of Trustees update to parents

*Construction for new learning space to begin early 2021*



*(Concept sketch by GHD)*

The Board is delighted to announce that construction of our long-awaited permanent classrooms is scheduled to begin in March 2021. Replacing the current relocatable classrooms on the school field, the new permanent classroom block on the netball court, will be a much-needed addition to our current school buildings.

We are excited to share with you the latest designs of this new build, which will provide teaching and learning space for 14 classes. For the past two years, a committee of architects, Ministry of Education property advisers, and school representatives have been planning the design of this new classroom block. The design reflects the latest evidence based research on how environments can enhance successful outcomes for all students.

The build has gone through three independent 'design review panel' submissions for critique as part of the Ministry of Education's design process. The new classrooms are appropriate for all year groups and designed to respond to the ever-changing needs of the school.

Parents and children can view the new space through the accompanying QR code, which offers a 3D virtual walkthrough of the new space.





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During the design process, it was identified that the new build will impact trees on our school grounds. Over the course of 2020, the Board has investigated how to continue with the new learning space without affecting any trees. This included exploring different sites for the new classrooms as well as investigating redesigning the building and considering not building at all.

Despite investigating all possible avenues, the Board and Ministry of Education have confirmed the only option to make way for the new classroom block is to remove eight native trees, including seven Pōhutukawa and one Norfolk Pine along Aberdeen Road. An arborist report commissioned by the Ministry of Education has confirmed re-planting the trees on another part of the school grounds is not feasible in this case.

The trees along Aberdeen Road hold a special place in many local hearts in the community and at the school. However, in their place, 12 semi-mature native trees will be planted following the completion of the new classrooms in late 2022. As advised by the Ministry of Education project arborist, the Board has plans to plant a number of additional young trees to offset carbon emissions.

If any parents have queries about the construction of the new learning space, please contact the CBS Board at [bot@campbellsbay.school.nz](mailto:bot@campbellsbay.school.nz).