RESPONSE TO CONSTITUENT

ASKED BY: Mr Mark Shelton MP

ANSWERED BY: Minister for Education

QUESTION:

We know that the Dodges Ferry Primary School will undergo a major redevelopment to provide additional contemporary learning environments, associated support spaces, and amenities. Students are looking forward to the changes coming to fruition. I note your recent announcement of the architect's appointment. When can the students at Dodges Ferry Primary School expect to see works commence?

ANSWER:

Thank you for your constituent question in Parliament on 23 September 2025 regarding our exciting \$25 million major redevelopment of Dodges Ferry Primary School which is part of our broader \$188 million School Building Blitz program.

As you noted, we have now appointed an architect, Heffernan Button Voss, for this project and a project working group has also been established.

Work is currently underway to develop the master plan for the site following an initial round of community consultation undertaken in late 2024. Once a draft master plan has been developed with input from the project working group, the Department for Education, Children and Young People will undertake a further round of community consultation prior to the design being finalised.

I am advised the Department is aiming to go to tender for construction contractors in the second half of 2026, with works expected to commence in early 2027.

Thank you again for your query, I look forward to sharing further updates as this project progresses.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Jo Palmer MLC

Minister for Education

Date: 3 November 2025