



Freshwater State School

– Multi-purpose Hall Consultative Group

The Queensland Government is planning to deliver a new multi-purpose hall for Freshwater State School

The government has committed to providing this new facility for the school and, in consultation with the school community, revisited location and design options.

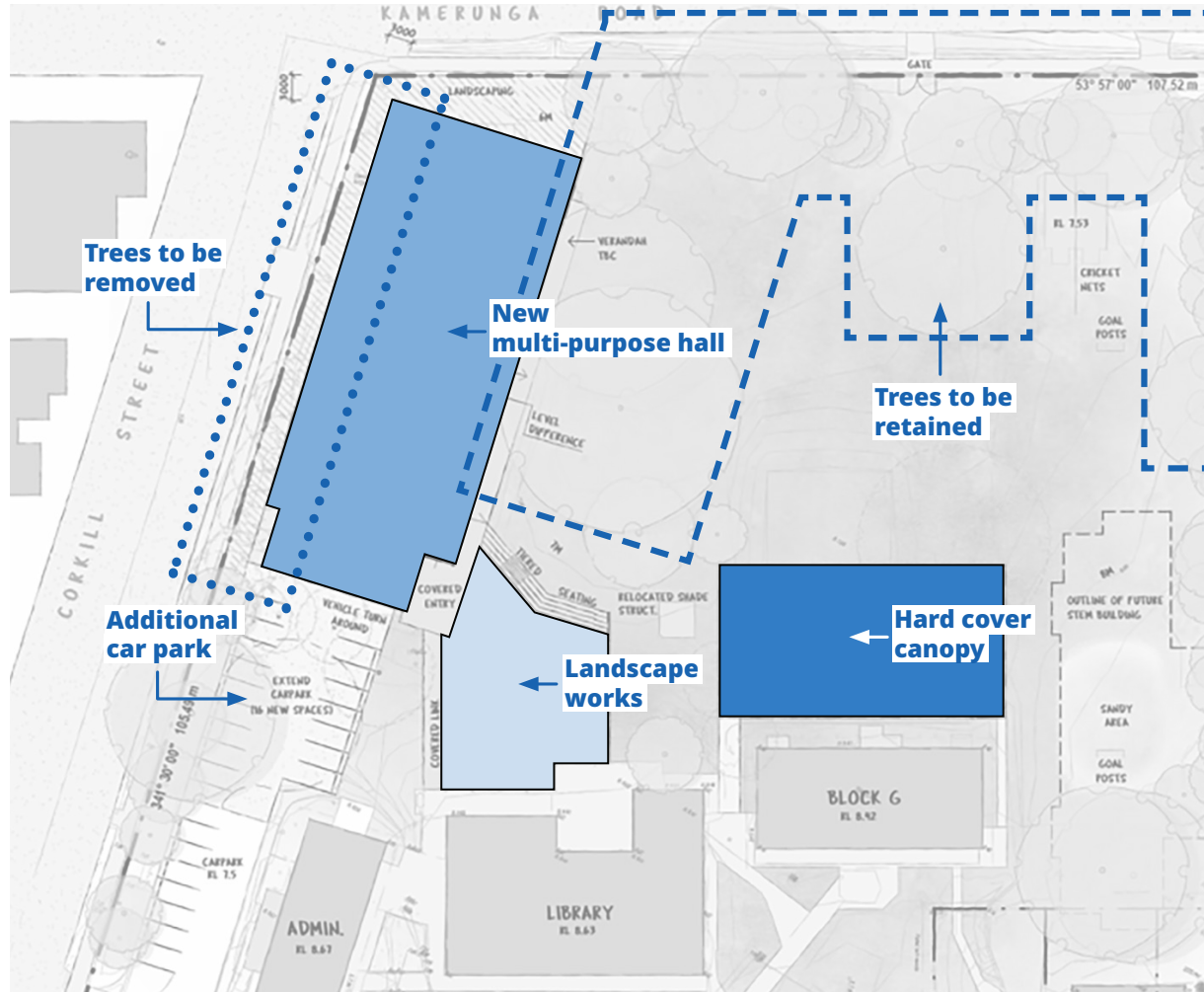
About the consultative group

The establishment of the Freshwater State School New Multi-purpose Hall Internal Consultative Group (the consultative group) involved volunteer parents and carers, Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) members and current school staff. The consultative group assisted the school community to work closely with the government's education infrastructure team, actively contributing in face-to-face sessions to explore the location and design options for the hall.

This update reflects the third and final Freshwater State School consultative group Meeting 3, held on Wednesday, 18 June 2025

- The third meeting provided an opportunity for the group to apply their understanding of the site, community needs, and project scope to collectively assess the final design options presented by the project architect. The goal was to identify the most suitable location for the hall, balancing educational, environmental, functional, and community considerations, and to deliver a clear preferred option to the department.
- The architect presented the three main hall location options that the group had independently considered and selected during Meeting 2, with each option assessed for its integration with the site, alignment with priorities, and potential construction impact.
- The group selected the Corkill Street Boundary option (Option 1) as its clear preference, with all but one member of the group voting for the option.
- In presenting this outcome to the department, the group identified some key elements relative to the option including:
 - this option preserves the most useable amount of existing green space and mature trees
 - it uses the lower end of the site to support natural drainage, with concrete under the building it allows for inclusion of solar through optimal roof orientation
 - creation of an undercover area below the hall for play space or wet-weather use will be highly beneficial
 - it maintains access from the north-east elevation of the site and oval access is not compromised
 - roof access should be considered in the detailed design to support maintenance of gutters
 - it provides an option for more car parking in the future.

Freshwater State School multi-purpose hall — concept site map



Key

-  New multi-purpose hall
 New hard cover canopy
 New landscape works
-  Trees to be removed
 Trees to be retained

The outcome

The consultative group's preferred location for the hall was considered by the government's education Service Planning and Development Board.

The board endorsed the group's preferred location for the hall – see concept site map on the left.

Additional funding was sought to meet the scope change for the hall which included the addition of solar panels.

Project scope

The Freshwater State School multi-purpose hall will include:

- **Single multi-purpose court**
 - **Performance stage/dance studio**
 - **Storage**
- Kiosk/kitchen
 - Multi-purpose room
 - Student and staff amenities

The project will also:

- **Provide a hard cover to the existing outdoor courts to allow for a weatherproof play space.**
- **Relocate the grounds man shed.**
- **Rationalise the existing turn around area to create additional carparking (noting: works are still required to the carparking area to provide vehicular connectivity to the hall for such activities as deliveries).**
- **Preserve large trees in the centre of the site, noting that some will require trimming.**
- **Remove trees along Corkill Street (exact number to be confirmed depending on final design).**
- **Provision of under croft for play space only (not for infill).**

What's next

The government is finalising the redesign of the new multi-purpose hall and expects to award a construction contract mid-2026. The hall opening is planned for mid-2027.

The government appreciates the involvement of the consultative group members in the consultation process and will continue to keep the community informed about the progress of the hall's