

# MARAYONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEW HALL, CANTEEN & COLA

**CLIENT:** NSW Department of Education

**LOCATION:** Marayong, NSW

**VALUE:** \$2,800,000

**DURATION:** April 2007 – December 2007

## Project profile

Donnelley Constructions overcame a number of challenges in the construction of a new hall, canteen, COLA and associated works at Marayong Public School.

A busy four-lane highway on Richmond Road made access difficult with only a one-way passage into the site. There was also limited space to store materials and the scope of works required access to run the school's main power.

**Debbie Bleakley, who was in charge of the project as deputy principal of Marayong Public School** during the construction phase, said Donnelley Construction's involvement with the project was a "very positive experience" for the school.

"The entire Donnelley team was very accommodating," she said. "Despite the difficulty in gaining access to the site, they were not intrusive and disruption to the school's activities was minimal. Access was an issue for them because there was only one way in and out."

She added that communication between Donnelley Constructions and the school was "excellent", not only during the construction phase but also through the 12 months maintenance period.

"The interaction was positive and purposeful. A good working relationship was quickly developed between key personnel on all sides," she said.

"The excellent communication we shared greatly facilitated the construction and allowed both parties to continue with minimal impact to either the school or construction site's respective core business. Both parties demonstrated great flexibility. There existed, even while the hall construction was in the planning stage, a spirit of cooperation," she added.

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## Relatively small impact

"Personally, I was most impressed with professionalism and co-operation displayed by the Donnelley team," Bleakley said.

"At the outset, as the school manager of the hall project, I was quietly concerned about how the construction process would impact on my time and my ability to perform my role within the school and also what flow on effect the construction would have to the general operation of the school. As it turned out, the impact was relatively small. The school was able to continue with its core business and while I was definitely busier combining the two roles, I was still able to, successfully I believe, manage both without having an adverse effect on either," she said.

## Series of accommodations

Accommodations were necessary throughout the construction process. These included: planning for evacuation drills held each term by the school; access to student play areas for vehicle access; noise and dust concerns; access to school buildings for power and data cabling; special school events which impacted on the construction work and overcoming the issues relating to the hail storm and the resulting damage to the school and the school hall.

"All of these were overcome quickly and in a professional manner due to the excellent working relationship the two parties shared. The rapid and successful resolution of these issues can be put down, in the main, to the constant and effective communication between the two parties," Bleakley said.

## Scope of works

Construction of school hall and landscaping of surrounding area involving the removal of existing buildings (toilet blocks), major grounds preparation, due to slope of land. Larger than usual toilet facilities were required in the hall as all existing student toilets were demolished.

The hall is bigger than standard school halls at the request of the school. The scope of works included a new OSD tank as well as a waste truck turning area and upgraded pathway. Construction also required an upgrade to the existing service road.

Construction of the new hall included a multitude of facilities ranging from a new three-windowed canteen to six store rooms.



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