**National Construction Code - All School Buildings**

The [National Construction Code](https://www.abcb.gov.au/ncc-online/NCC?pageNumber=1&searchTerm=&sort=&results=&generalParam=%7b%22applications%22:%5b%5d,%22years%22:%5b%22%7bC4166DCC-D939-41A9-855D-D66F2AACC2D3%7d%22%5d%7d) (NCC) is a uniform set of technical provisions for the design and construction of buildings and other structures throughout Australia and allows for variations in climate and geological or geographic conditions

The NCC is reviewed and amended every three years to include various technical and regulatory changes.

The NCC incorporates all on-site construction requirements into a single code. The NCC comprises the Building Code of Australia (BCA), Volume One and Two; and the Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA), as Volume Three.

* Volume One: pertains primarily to Class 2 to 9 buildings.
* Volume Two: pertains primarily to Class 1 and 10 buildings.
* Volume Three: pertains primarily to plumbing and drainage associated with all classes of buildings.

Schools are Class 9 buildings. All registered schools’ building works comply with the NCC, applicable, at the time of construction. All new or substantially renovated buildings are required to comply with the current NCC, and are independently certified by a building surveyor.

In September 2016 the BCA included the adoption of the Australian Standard AS3959 for ‘specific use bushfire protected buildings’. Further NCC 2019 incorporates a verification method GV5 for buildings prone to bushfire. This verification method provides relevant guidance for the design considerations and expected performance of school buildings which staff and students may occupy either for normal use or during a bushfire event, based on the likelihood of fire under different fire weather severities and is particularly relevant to SIPs. It should be noted that GV5 is an optional assessment method that can be used to demonstrate compliance with the NCC Bushfire Performance Requirements. The use of Deemed-to-Satisfy Methods (e.g. Australian Standard AS 3959) and other assessment methods to determine compliance with the Bushfire Performance Requirements are also permitted by the NCC.