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For more information

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. We encourage feedback from the school and local community about Armidale Secondary College.

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Website



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Armidale Secondary College Information pack for students, parents, carers and the community

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New buildings



Specialist facilities to support science, industrial arts, hospitality and agricultural studies



Learning neighbourhoods with flexible and adaptable spaces





New innovative learning spaces for up to 1,500 students



Attractive landscaping and design features that connect indoor and outdoor learning





A new Multi-**Purpose Hall**



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Armidale Secondary College

The new school is being developed on the current Armidale High School site, consolidating Armidale High School and Duval High School. Sized for approximately 1,500 students, it will include modern facilities in 79 new classrooms, new school buildings, improved performing arts and sports facilities, attractive landscaping and design features that connect indoor and outdoor learning.

The school will include learning neighbourhoods with flexible, adaptable spaces that help students use modern technology, while working independently and in groups. The new school will also include a new Multi-Purpose Hall, specialist facilities to support science, industrial arts, hospitality and agricultural studies.

Progress summary

Construction progress works currently underway

- Services fit-off to main build
- Installation of floor finishes
- External cladding to commence
- Commencement of internal and external glazing.

Upcoming construction progress works

- Commence soft landscaping works
- Installation of fixed joinery
- Connect permanent power to the buildings
- Completion of the external façade
- Completion of internal finishes to the main build.

Keep updated

The project team are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently, and will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity.

Regular project updates will continue to be shared with the community to inform you of upcoming milestones and activities.

More information drop-in sessions will be planned throughout the year as construction progresses. These sessions will focus on construction progress and transitioning for staff and students into the new Armidale Secondary College.

Frequently asked questions

What are the construction hours for this project?

On-site works are permitted to take place during normal working hours:

- 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.
- 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays.

No work takes place on Sundays or public holidays.

In some circumstances, it may be necessary to carry out works at night. The community will be notified of any night works ahead of time.

What will the new Multi-Purpose Hall be used for?

A standalone Multi-Purpose Hall will be delivered as part of the redevelopment.

The new hall will replace the hall and performing arts space lost through the demolition of the original school, and will also house a new movement and fitness area. Key benefits include:

- An optimised, future-focused layout will be provided with increased connectivity to the broader school
- Additional learning facilities which will be complemented by the existing gymnasium
- A seperate Multi-Purpose Hall ensures the use of the existing DEN is not impacted and provides greater versatility for the school community
- Storage rooms and areas to support performing capability
- Two additional basketball courts
- A generous hall space together with stage and retractable tiered seating for performance / school functions.



Aerial views of Armidale Secondary College redevelopment January 2020



Artist impression of the library



How will the site be managed to minimise disruption to residents?

The area has been secured and appropriate control and monitoring measures have been installed. Noise will be kept to a minimum as best as possible during this period and dust as a result of demolition and construction works will be hosed down as required.

Is there an impact to traffic during this period?

Traffic will be managed in accordance with the Traffic Management Plan for the new school. We will continue to work closely with residents who may be impacted through road closures as a result of construction works.

What are innovative learning spaces?

Innovative learning prepares students across all curriculum areas and learning stages with skills and capabilities to thrive in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. It engages students based on their ability, interests and learning preferences and provides flexible, technology-rich teaching spaces for one-to-one, small groups and whole of class activities. Innovative learning spaces encourage collaborative learning between students and teachers.

How can we stay informed about the project?

The health, safety and well-being of our neighbours is our highest priority and we will continue to keep you updated to ensure disruptions to the community are minimised.

Your questions and comments help inform future project updates and FAQs. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to call the School Infrastructure NSW hotline or email address.

Artist impression of the science lab