



Armidale Secondary College

Project update

January 2021

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Armidale Secondary College

A new school is being developed on the current Armidale High School site, consolidating Armidale High School and Duval High School. The new school will:

- cater for approximately 1,500 students
- include modern facilities in 79 new classrooms
- deliver new school buildings
- improve existing performing arts and sports facilities include learning neighbourhoods with flexible spaces that help students use modern technology, while working independently and in groups.

Progress summary

- Moving items from the Duval High School has been completed.
- Structural steel, roofing, internal walls and ceilings have been completed on the agricultural facility.
- Pathways into the school from Butler Street and the new bus shelter are complete.
- The carpark to Butler Street is underway and is expected to be completed for Term 1 2021.

A standalone multi-purpose hall for Armidale Secondary College will be delivered as part of the redevelopment, available for use in 2022. The new hall will replace the hall and performing arts space removed through the demolition of the original school, and will also house a new movement and fitness area.

The concept design for the multi-purpose hall has been finalised with input from the school and a modification to the development authority has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

The DEN will be available throughout 2021 for ongoing operation as indoor sports courts and an assembly area if required.

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Next steps

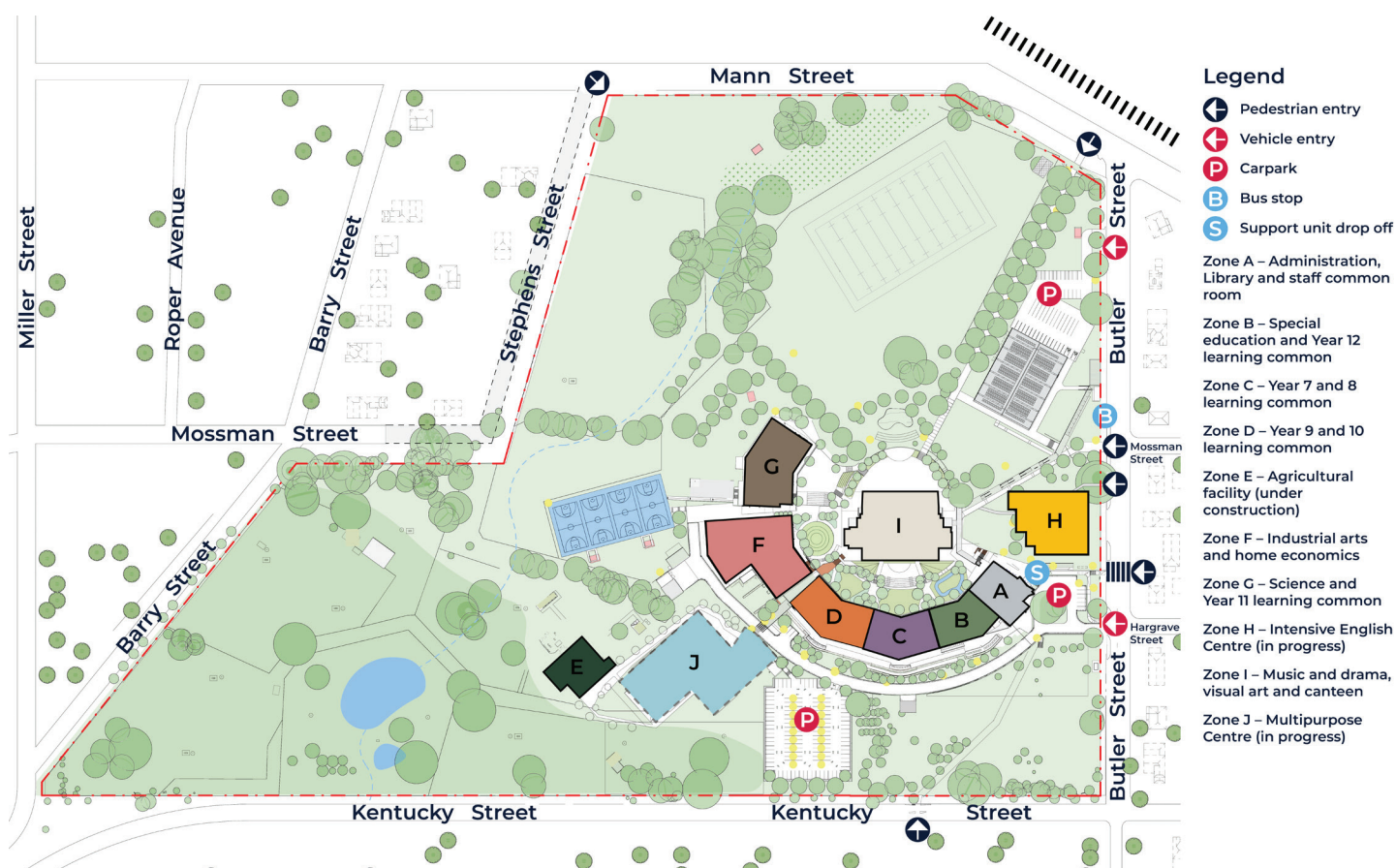
Work on the agricultural facility is progressing well and is expected to be operational from the first day of Term 1 2021. Work nearing completion is:

- commissioning of electrical and mechanical systems
- final internal painting, flooring, and installation of furniture
- hard landscaping and pathway connections to the rest of the school.

Starting school in 2021

As is normal practice in many high schools, year groups will return to school on staggered days to support the experience.

- Friday 29 January: Year 7 and 12, all staff
- Monday 1 February: Year 8 and 10
- Tuesday 2 February: 9 and 11



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Frequently asked questions

What construction is taking place before Term 1 begins?

The internal fit-out and installation of furniture in the agricultural facility has continued over the summer holidays.

Construction hours are:

- Monday to Friday: 7:00am to 5:30pm
- Saturday: 8:00am to 1:00pm

No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.

When does the school day start and finish?

School hours are 8:45am to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:45am to 3:05pm on Wednesday.

Have entrances changed?

There are multiple entrances into Armidale Secondary College (refer to map overleaf for more details). The main school entrances, with access to Public Reception, are Gate 1 (vehicle access) and Gate 2 (pedestrian access) on Butler Street. These entrances will be accessible throughout the school day for visitors and students, with limited visitor and disabled parking.

Gate 3 on the corner of Butler and Mossman is next to the new bus stop and together with Gate 4 on Mann Street, provides pedestrian access for students before and after school. Gate 5 on Kentucky Street provides pedestrian path access to the student entrance at the Public Reception in the Administration building.

How will students know where to go?

All students have participated in tours of the new school in Term 4 to familiarise themselves with the site.

On their first day of term in 2021, students will attend a welcome assembly in the Plaza (in front of Zone I, see map overleaf) followed by Year assemblies in their Learning Commons for information and timetable distribution.

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