



## Armidale Secondary College

### Project update

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#### 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.

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 update

All main school buildings are reaching the final stages of the internal fit-out and the delivery and placement of furniture has started. Landscaping works are progressing across the site, with shrub and ground cover planting and mulching.

Over the coming months placement of furniture and landscaping works will continue, as will turf laying on the northern sports oval and restoring existing turfed areas.

The project is forecast to be operational early 2021.

#### The new agricultural facility

Work has started on the new agricultural facility, which will be available for all students at Armidale Secondary College to gain industry experience with a strong focus on technology. The facility is forecast to be completed early in 2021.

Site preparation is almost complete, which includes bulk levelling of the site, moving site offices and equipment. Footings and detailed excavation is underway.

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## Frequently asked questions

### What will the new agricultural facility include?

The agricultural facility will have paddocks and pens for cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and chickens. There will be a permaculture area with greenhouse and beehives.

### How will technology be used in the new agricultural facility include?

High tech sensors throughout the paddocks are connected through wireless points. Students will be able to measure and analyse moisture, feed and temperature data.

Video facilities and a large screen in the internal terraced animal holding room will allow for close ups of in-house demonstrations on animal husbandry.

### What are the construction working hours?

Construction hours for the agricultural facility will remain as per DA approved hours for the project, Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays and Public Holidays.

### What safety measures will be in place?

The health and safety of the community is our highest priority. All work will be undertaken in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulation.