

Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Education

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Project status update

The project to deliver a new Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Education in the Western Sydney University (WSU) Hawkesbury Campus was affected by heavy rainfall and flooding last year. The rainfall resulted in contaminated groundwater being trapped below the land surface of the school site. Testing revealed elevated PFAS levels on the site which cannot be practically remediated for the facilities required of an agricultural school. As a result, the community was informed in April 2023 that the school cannot be located at the planned site and work is currently underway on a revised plan.

Restoration of the site

Given that some preparatory works had already taken place, the original site must now be restored to its previous condition. Work to restore the site will start from Monday 28 August 2023 and is expected to continue for up to three months. See map overleaf for indicative work area.

This work includes:

- removal of site sheds and other materials
- restoring the ground to the previous gradient
- mulching and grass seeding.

The working hours will be:

- 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday
- 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturdays

There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

Noise and dust control measures during the work

Noise and dust control measures will be implemented in accordance with planning and approval requirements. Dust will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads.

Traffic control will be in place to manage pedestrian and vehicular movements near the access points. The contractor's access to the site will be through Vines Drive.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity.



The shaded area of the map below indicates where the restoration work will take place.

