



Artist impression of the upgraded school entrance (subject to change)

# Concord High School

Project update | February 2023

## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

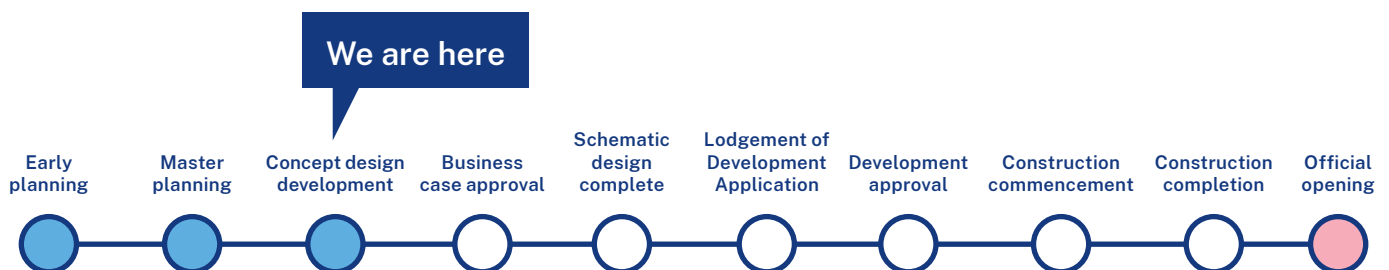
The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

## Project overview

The NSW Government is increasing its investment in public education infrastructure, with an upgrade to Concord High School announced as part of the 2022/23 NSW Budget. School Infrastructure NSW has undertaken a needs analysis and considered demographic trends for the local area to ensure the right project is delivered for the community.

The project is in planning stage and requires a business case to be approved by NSW Treasury to determine the full scope of the upgrade, but it is anticipated the upgrade may include additional contemporary learning spaces, upgraded and new core facilities, and landscaping.

It is also anticipated some refurbishment work of existing buildings and classrooms will be part of the budget to upgrade the school. Planning of these works is underway, with details and timelines to be provided when finalised.



## Progress update

- The final business case has been submitted to NSW Treasury for approval. The business case process provides the basis for the continued development of the project options, through refinement, comparison, analysis and evaluation, to ensure that the project represents the greatest value for money solution.
- An artist's impression of the proposed new buildings and entrance has been developed (see first page of this update). Please note this is indicative and subject to change.

## Next steps

- Ongoing consultation with stakeholders on the concept and design, including City of Canada Bay Council.
- Approval of the Final Business Case from NSW Treasury.
- Development of the schematic design which starts to define materiality, details within rooms and spaces, furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) and detailed building services and structural coordination. This includes consulting with the school representatives to ensure classroom designs and layouts support teaching and learning requirements.

## When will the upgrade be finished?

Development consent and engagement of a building contractor is required before we are able to provide opening dates for the upgrade. The construction program needs to be determined in consultation with the builder. We will share this information as soon as we are able to.

We are committed to delivering the upgraded school as soon as practically possible and will look for opportunities to save time where we can, while still complying with best practice and governance requirements.

## Other projects happening at Concord High School

There are several ongoing minor works projects and maintenance works happening at Concord High School. The project team is also working to ensure the current minor works taking place at the school are considered (where possible) in the design for the upgrade project. Routine maintenance will also continue as usual.

### The following work was completed in the summer school holidays:

- Refurbishment of senior, boys and girls toilet upgrades in Block D.
- Refurbishment of boys and girls toilets on the ground floor of Block A.
- Ceiling replacement in Block D student kitchens.
- Roof replacement of Block B.
- P&C funded BBQ area. A final part is being sourced before the BBQ is operational.

### The following work is continuing:

- Refurbishment of the library toilets, expected to be finished in Term 1 2023.
- Covered shade structure and seating for the sports oval, expected to be finished in Term 1 2023.
- Roof replacement on Block D, expected to be finished in Term 2 2023.
- The cooler classrooms program is in the final stages of tender for a contractor.
- The LED lighting upgrade is expected to start early 2023.

## How can I stay involved?

Further consultation will occur with the school and Concord community as the project progresses. All updates will be distributed through the school, but if you would like to receive updates digitally you can sign up to our mailing list on the 'get involved' tab on our website, [edu.nsw.link/CHSUpgrade](https://edu.nsw.link/CHSUpgrade).

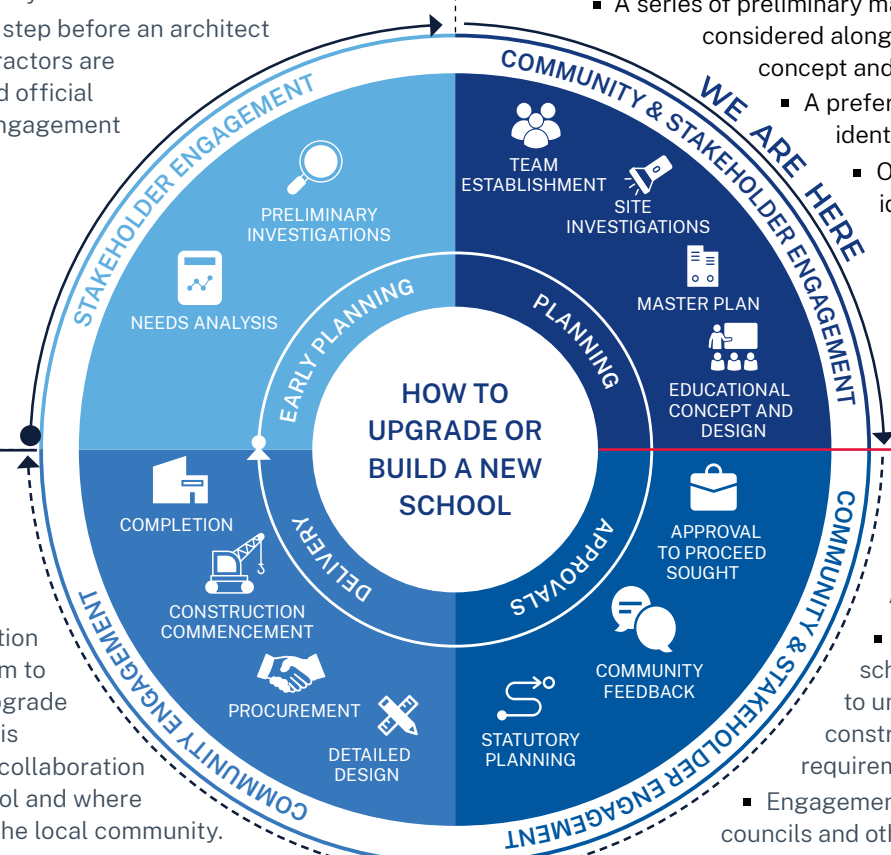
The information below takes you through the journey of upgrading or building a new school.

**Early planning**

- Consideration and studies of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of the existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, heritage requirements, transport links and partnership opportunities.
- Doing so means that we:
  - consider the needs of the local area now and into the future.
  - ensure the right school is designed for the community.
- An important step before an architect or other contractors are appointed and official community engagement commences.

**Planning**

- Consultants such as architects and project managers are appointed.
- Investigation and review of site and development of master plan options.
- Master planning considers options for the general size, shape and form of buildings for a specific school site.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) is established.
- Operational, educational and service delivery factors are understood and considered by the PRG.
  - A series of preliminary master plan options are considered along with the educational concept and design for the school.
    - A preferred concept design option is identified.
  - Once a preferred option is identified approval is needed in order to progress from planning through to project delivery.



**Delivery**

- The construction works program to deliver the upgrade to the school is developed in collaboration with the school and where appropriate, the local community.
- Ongoing consultation with Principal, staff and other school users.
- Throughout detailed design and construction updates are provided to the local community.

**Approvals**

- Workshops continue with school and local community to understand challenges and constraints and identify future requirements.
  - Engagement of technical specialists, local councils and other government agencies.
- Statutory planning approval process.
  - Opportunity for local community to view and provide feedback upon submission of the Development Application.
- Scope of work and concept design is further defined.


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