NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Concord High School

Project update

August 2022

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.

Progress update

A proposed masterplan for the layout of the new buildings has been developed. The upgrade's masterplan is subject to change during the next stages of design, as well as NSW Treasury and statutory planning approval.

A student, staff and parent planning information session was held on Thursday 18 August 2022. The session gave the opportunity for participants to ask questions of the team, view a draft proposed masterplan of the upgrade project, complete a survey and learn about the planning process. The information boards displayed at the event can be viewed in the 'library tab' of our website: edu.nsw.link/CHSUpgrade.

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When will the upgrade be complete?

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.

To give you an idea, typically the business case process may take 6-12 months, statutory planning around 6-12 months, and construction around 18-24 months - so we are looking at several years.

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.

What's next?

- Finalisation of a masterplan, which considers feedback from key stakeholders, including school leadership and the Project Reference Group (PRG).
- Development of a concept design in line with the department's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG).
- Development of a business case for submission to NSW Treasury.
- Ongoing consultation with stakeholders on the design, including Connection to Country.
- Start the statutory approval process.

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, and can be found on our website edu.nsw.link/CHSUpgrade.

Take our planning survey

If you missed our information session, you can still have your say. Tell us what's important to you by taking a survey at edu.nsw.link/ConcordHSsurvey or by scanning the QR code.

Survey closes 11:59 pm AEST Thursday 1 September

Survey results will be shared in coming updates.



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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 has been recently completed:

- Oval remediation, landscaping and installation of synthetic grass and casual seating for students, completed and handed over 17 August.
- Pressure wash walls up to roof level and pressure wash and gum removal from pathway to administration area from the main gate as well as stairways, corridors to teaching areas and playground hard surfaces. Completed 21 August.
- Concrete pathway at alternative entry on Stanley Street replaced.
- Pedestrian pathway and truck turning area remediated with new asphalt and concrete Crane Road.
- Replace fencing to basketball court.

The following projects are in the procurement stage:

Procurement is the process of sourcing the contractors to undertake the work. The overarching consideration for government procurement is ensuring best value for money in the procurement of goods, services and construction.

- Covered shade structure and tiered seating for sports oval.
- Upgrade to the student toilets.
- Installation of BBQ area for student use.

The following maintenance is currently being carried out or due to start:

- Painting of cladding.
- Building A roof replacement.
- Replacement of carpets in library.
- Re-grout pebblecrete around the canteen and seating area to remove trip hazards. To start Spring school holidays.
- Bird proofing to covered outdoor learning area (COLA). To start Spring school holidays.

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