



Artist impression of new TAS building at Port Macquarie Campus

Hastings Secondary College

Project update

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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.

Project overview

We are upgrading Hastings Secondary College to support the student community. Hastings Secondary College comprises of the Port Macquarie Campus (PMC) and Westport Campus (WPC). The upgrade will involve work at both campuses.

The Port Macquarie campus will deliver:

- 14 new or upgraded innovative learning spaces
- 3 supported learning spaces
- New Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) facilities
- New Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) building

- New shared use multi sports facility
- Increase student accessibility with installation of 3 lifts
- Redeveloped school entry.

The Westport campus will deliver:

- Relocated and upgraded administration office
- 3 innovative flexible learning spaces
- Redeveloped school entry.

Progress summary

Demountable units were installed in late 2020 at the Port Macquarie Campus to support student learning and minimise disruption to the school community during construction.

Demolition works for Stage 1 at Port Macquarie Campus are complete.

The construction tender for the main works has closed and is anticipated to be awarded in April 2021.

Hastings Secondary College is now in the schematic design phase, where the internal layout of spaces and how they will function is finalised. This involves more detailed consultation with principals and staff representatives. It is the schematic design which is submitted for planning approvals. See overleaf for an update on each project stage.

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Port Macquarie Campus upgrade Stage 1

Designs for Stage 1 of the Port Macquarie Campus upgrade have been finalised and a complying development certificate is expected to be issued in April. This includes:

Upgrade work in building T

- 4 upgraded learning spaces
- A seminar room
- Staff room.

New TAS building

- 2 new learning spaces (includes 1 additional learning space that was originally to be located in the Stage 2 CAPA building)
- 2 large metal and wood workshops and an outdoor workshop space
- New student amenities

Increased open landscaped areas with accessibility to all areas within the campus.



Building T, new TAS building and shared courtyard at Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus.

Westport Campus upgrade Stages 1 & 2

Designs for the Westport Campus upgrade have been finalised and submitted as part of the Development Application (DA) to Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. This includes:

Stage 1

- Relocation of administration office by repurposing Building L.
- New front entrance

Stage 2

- Refurbishment of Building A into new flexible learning spaces



New school entry at Hastings Secondary College Westport Campus.



Repurposing of Building L into new administration facilities at Hastings Secondary College Westport Campus.

Port Macquarie Campus Stages 2 & 3

Schematic designs for Stage 2 and 3 of the Port Macquarie Campus upgrade are being finalised in consultation with the school.

Stage 2 includes the new Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) building, refurbishment of Blocks L and B, external works and a new school entrance.

Stage 3 is a separate proposal for a shared use multi-purpose facility with PCYC.

Next steps

- The Westport Campus DA will be available to view on the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council website in the coming weeks via their DA Tracker: <https://datracker.pmhc.nsw.gov.au>. All submissions can be made directly to council during the exhibition period.
- Award main works contractor.
- Receive Complying Development Certificate (CDC) for Stage 1 Port Macquarie Campus and commence construction.
- Lodge State Significant Development (SSD) Application for Stage 2 and proposed Stage 3 at Port Macquarie Campus.
- Conduct community information sessions.

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Frequently asked questions

Why is Hastings Secondary College being upgraded?

Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus is being upgraded to support the student community. It will provide specialist teaching spaces for technical and applied sciences (TAS) and creative and performing arts (CAPA), upgrade learning spaces to support modern teaching practices and provide a new school entrance.

The upgrade at the Westport Campus will provide new permanent general learning spaces and provide a new school administration building and upgraded entrance.

What about the PCYC multi-purpose facility?

There is a separate proposal for a shared use multi-purpose facility in partnership with the Police Community Youth Centre (PCYC).

The master plan of the Port Macquarie Campus site was developed to ensure these two projects could proceed separately and independently of each other. The multi-purpose facility (Port Macquarie Campus Stage 3) is being designed and will form part of the planning application for Port Macquarie Campus. However, construction of this facility is subject to business case and funding approval.

The upgrade of Hastings Secondary College, Stages 1 and 2 at both campuses, has funding and approval to proceed.

What are the next steps for the upgrade at Port Macquarie Campus?

Demolition for Stage 1 is complete and an application for the Complying Development Certificate has been submitted for the new works.

Stage 1 works, including construction of the new TAS building and upgrade of building T will commence pending award of the main works to a contractor and on receipt of a Complying Development Certificate (CDC). This is expected in April 2021.

Stage 2 includes the new Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) building, refurbishment of Blocks L and B, external works and a new school entrance.

Stage 3 is a separate proposal for a shared use multi-purpose facility with PCYC.

The SSD will be submitted in the coming weeks. The community will be invited to provide feedback as part of the public exhibition by DPIE.

The multi-purpose facility (Port Macquarie Campus Stage 3) will form part of the SSD however, construction of stage 3 is subject to business case and funding approval.

What are the next steps for the upgrade at Westport Campus?

The Development Application (DA) for Stages 1 and 2 at Westport Campus has been lodged with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. The DA will be available to view on the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council website in the coming weeks via their DA Tracker: <https://datracker.pmhc.nsw.gov.au>. All submissions can be made directly to council by post or online during the exhibition period.

How many permanent teaching spaces will each campus have after the upgrade?

The Hastings Secondary College upgrade will increase the total number of permanent learning spaces at both campuses.

Following the upgrade, Port Macquarie Campus will have a total of 49 permanent teaching spaces, an additional 9 permanent general learning spaces and 1 permanent specialist learning space.

The Westport Campus will have a total 57 permanent learning spaces and an additional 2 general learning spaces.

Learning spaces that will be refurbished as part of the upgrade do not contribute to the count of new permanent learning spaces.

Will there be an adequate number of science labs after the upgrade?

A review of the science laboratories at the Port Macquarie Campus in line with the Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines has found there is a current surplus of science laboratories for what is required for a school of its size.

As a result, one permanent science lab will be refurbished into a specialist learning area and one demountable unit science lab will be removed from site.

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What facilities are in the Creative and Performing Arts building?

The CAPA building will include general learning spaces and workshop spaces for subjects such as visual, dramatic and performing arts.

Why were the demountable units placed on the oval and not in any other location at Port Macquarie Campus?

The location chosen for the demountable units was the best location to meet the school needs during construction and was chosen in consultation with the school.

The location is in close proximity to the required services (power, water and drainage) and other locations did not offer these service requirements.

The location also takes into consideration the construction areas needed during the different stages of work being delivered.

Will the upgraded Port Macquarie Campus have enough accommodation to cater for enrolment numbers?

Yes. Every eligible student who wishes to attend a NSW government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at NSW government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

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