

Hunter River High School

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Artist impression of Hunter River High School

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.



New learning hub



New double-height gymnasium



New administration building



Refurbished learning spaces



Upgraded outdoor areas

Project overview

The Hunter River High School project will include refurbishments and upgrades of existing buildings, the addition of new buildings and upgrades of outdoor areas.

The high school upgrade will feature:

- New learning hub with 8 support classrooms.
- New double-height gymnasium.
- New administration building.
- Upgrade to existing buildings and learning spaces.
- Upgrade of outdoor areas including car parking and bus drop off and pick up.

Further details about the high school facilities will be shared with the community as the project progresses.

Progress summary

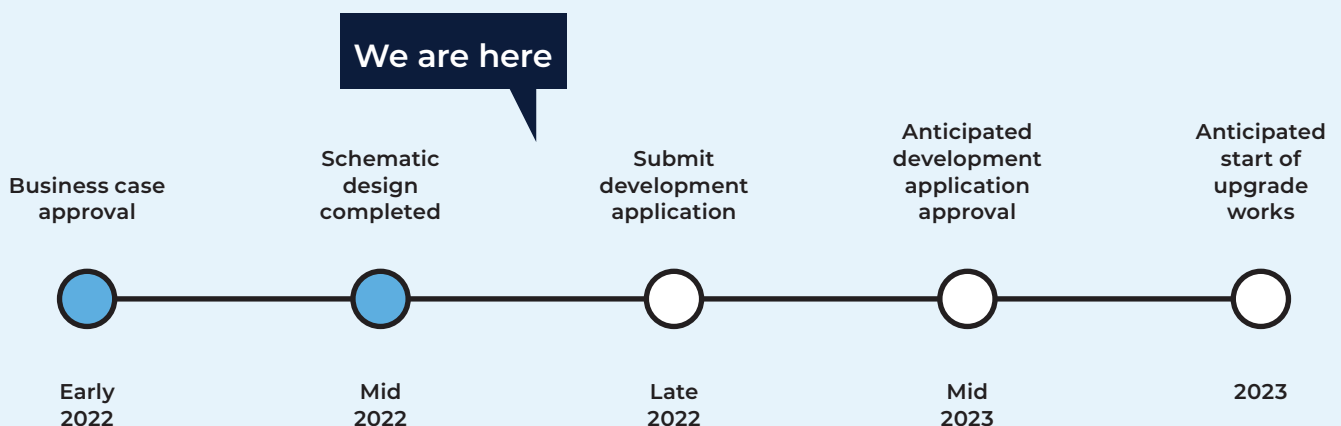
A Project Reference Group (PRG) has been established which includes architects, planners and design professionals, and Department of Education, Hunter River High School, and P&C leadership representatives.

The schematic design has been finalised in consultation with the PRG to meet Hunter River High School's educational and operational requirements.

Next steps

- Developing the detailed design.
- The Development Application (DA) will be prepared to submit to Port Stephens Council.
- Tender process to appoint builder.
- Start of construction, subject to DA approval.

Timeline



Artist impressions



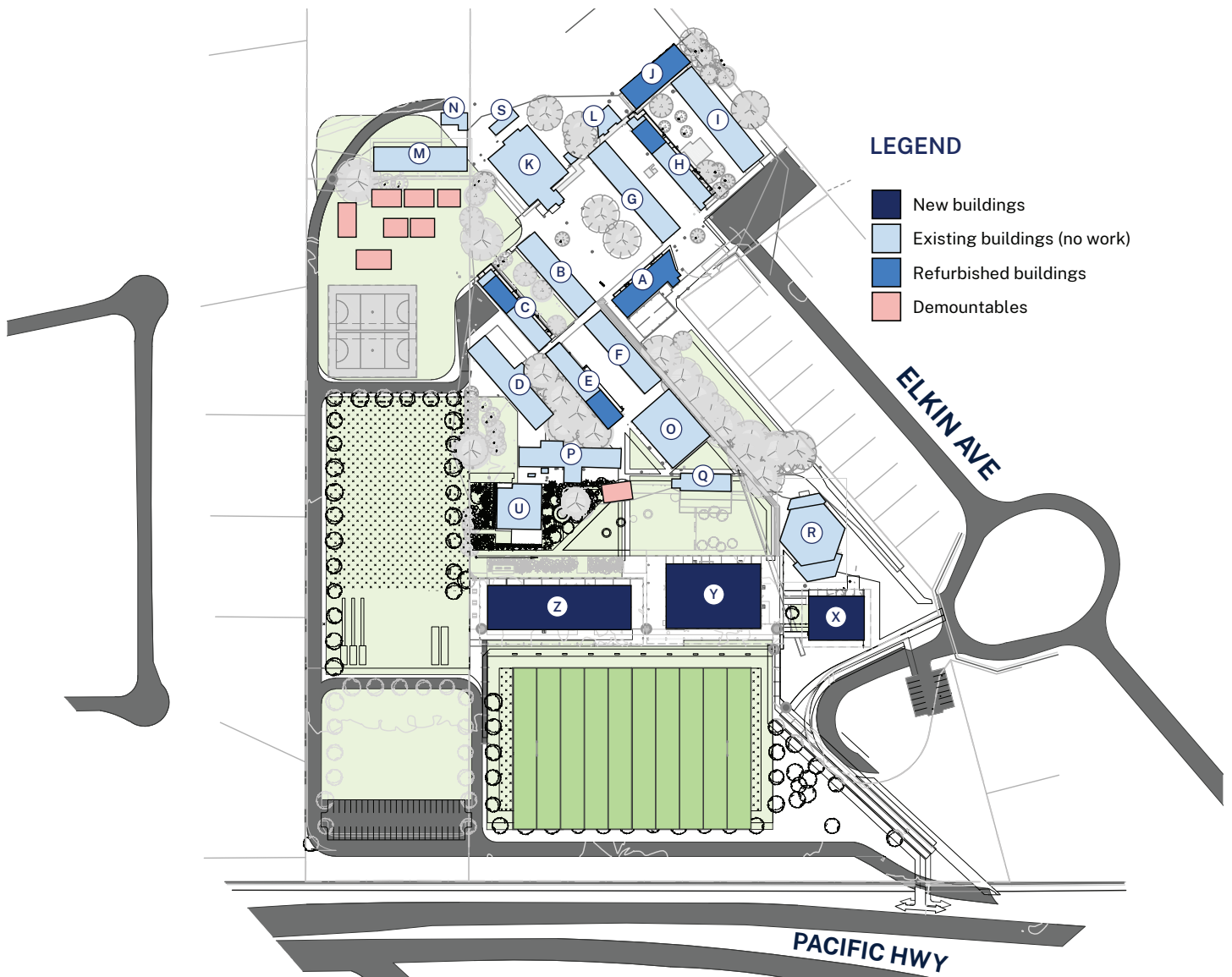
Artist impression of Hunter River High School gymnasium



Artist impression of sports field with learning hub and gymnasium

Indicative site layout map

The layout of new learning spaces and facilities have been determined in line with the department's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines, and with consideration of spatial requirements, site constraints, access and operational needs of the high school.



Frequently asked questions

Will the existing demountable classrooms be removed at the end of the project?

The Hunter River High School upgrade will increase the number of permanent learning spaces available at the school and refurbish existing learning spaces to support modern collaborative teaching pedagogy. Existing demountable classrooms not required are planned to be removed as part of the project.

Are the artist impressions of the school's upgrade subject to change?

The artist impressions currently on display are based on the project's schematic designs. They will progress to detailed design after further consultation with internal and external stakeholders (including relevant authorities). During this process, they may be altered to accommodate planning approval conditions. While some aspects of the design may change as we move through these processes, the overall approach to the upgrade is likely to remain the same.

What happens next?

The project's Development Application will soon be lodged with Port Stephens Council. Once lodged, the project will be placed on public exhibition via the Council's website.

When is construction due to start?

Construction is planned to start in 2023.

What temporary arrangements will be in place during construction?

To prepare for the upgrade to the school, we are working closely with the school's principal to ensure continuity of student learning. We will share further advice on any changes to school operations before construction starts.

Will any trees be removed to accommodate the new building?

A detailed landscape plan is being prepared to offset any loss of trees with new plantings.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.

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