



# Hunter River High School upgrade

Project update | June 2023

## Project overview

A project is underway to upgrade Hunter River High School to bring students the latest educational facilities and support the local community.

The project has been approved to proceed to the delivery phase and will provide:

- a new support learning hub with 8 support classrooms
- a new double-height gymnasium
- a new administration building
- internal refurbishments to some existing buildings and learning spaces
- upgraded outdoor areas
- improved parking and drop-off/pick up area.

## Progress summary

The project scope and concept designs for the Hunter River High School upgrade were shared with the community through a virtual information session in September 2022. Since that time, the design has been revised to achieve the best outcome for staff and students, while balancing the constraints of the site, budget and planning requirements. The revised design will continue to deliver the necessary teaching and outdoor space for staff and students without compromising educational outcomes or school operations.

Changes to the design include:

- a reduction in the size of the gymnasium building
- a reduction in the scope of refurbishments
- remodelling the scope of external works.

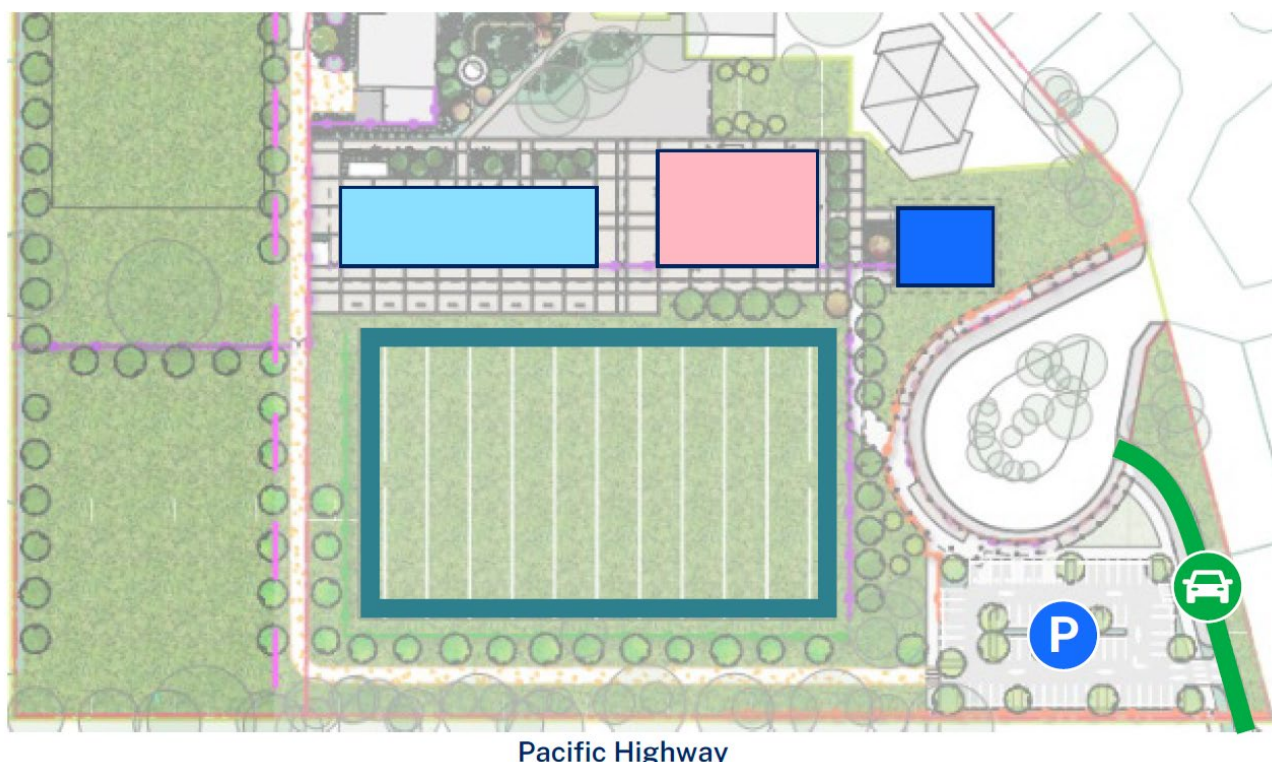
A Development Application (DA) was submitted to Port Stephens City Council in May 2023 and is available to view on the Council website via <http://datracker.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/Home/Search> under DA application number 16-2023-259-1. To access the application, use the search function and enter the application year (2023) and application number (259). All submissions can be made directly to council during the public exhibition period from 31 May 2023.







In addition, a tender for a main works contractor has been released. Once the contract is awarded, the main works contractor will progress the detailed design for the Hunter River High School upgrade. Construction is anticipated to start in late 2023.

### Next steps

- Main works tender evaluation and contract award.
- Development of detailed design, the fourth and final stage of the design.
- DA determination.

### Indicative site plan



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 New Support Learning Hub	 New drop-off / pick-up
 New Gymnasium	 New carpark
 New Administration	 Reorientated sporting field

### Keep in touch

The School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) website will continue to have up-to- date information about the Hunter River High School upgrade on the project page at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/h/hunter-river-high-school-upgrade.html>

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