Artist impression of new boarding facilities and farm hub

Hurlstone Agricultural High School
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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record $8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

Project overview

The NSW Government is investing more than $60 million in the future of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to continue its reputation for educational excellence. We are upgrading the boarding facilities and building a new farm hub at Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

The boarding facilities upgrade will deliver:

- 180 student accommodation beds
- dormitory monitor rooms
- senior and junior common rooms
- bathrooms and facilities
- overnight accommodation for rostered duty staff
- two permanent staff residences.

The new farm hub will deliver:

- dairy shed and milking parlour with student viewing gallery
- co-located learning space
- calf, beef and pig sheds
- commodity sheds and storage facilities
- new equipment
- irrigation systems
- relocation and reconstruction of the sheep shed, chicken pens and hydroponic facilities.

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Progress update – boarding facilities upgrade

Main construction works for the boarding facilities upgrade commenced in June 2023.

Construction of the foundations for two new buildings that will serve as boarding dormitories has been completed. Concrete pouring is now underway to construct the building slab in preparation for structural steel framework.

Preparatory works completed beforehand included activities such as the demolition of existing structures, excavation and earth works for the building foundations, and establishment of utility infrastructure (water, gas, electricity).

Progress update – new farm hub

Site establishment works for the new farm hub commenced in August 2023.

Perimeter fencing for temporary use during construction has been erected to make the area inaccessible to the school and local communities. The fencing is made of 'Class A hoarding' – the safest construction fencing material due to its sturdiness and height.

Ground clearing has been completed. Leaf-litter, debris, vegetation and a thin layer of top soil have been removed. Excavation works have been completed in some parts of the site, and the old farm office has also been demolished.

Vegetation clearing activities involved only those trees approved for removal by Campbelltown City Council. Protective coverings have been applied to the trunks of other native trees close to the work site.

We are also working closely with key school stakeholders to review some aspects of the farm design and identify opportunities for closer alignment with the school curriculum.

Next steps

Construction works continued over the school holidays and into Term 4.

Some key activities to be completed in relation to boarding upgrade include concrete pouring, steel frame fitting, façade brickwork, roof installation.

Key activities to be completed in relation to the new farm hub include, amongst others, excavation, concrete pouring, utility infrastructure establishment erecting shed structures.

Construction is progressing on schedule. The upgrade project is expected to be completed and the new facilities ready for use by the school community in mid-2024.

Contact us

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us.

For more information, to ask a question or to make a comment, please contact us on the details below or visit the project webpage by searching 'Hurlstone Agricultural High School upgrade' on schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

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