

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Project update

April 2021

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over 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.

Community engagement update

In December 2020, more than 350 community members attended our Virtual Information Session and learned more about our proposed upgrades to boarding facilities, farm facilities and a new farm layout for Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

This was an opportunity for members of the school and local community to provide feedback on the proposal. We received 37 emailed submissions and 4 survey responses, providing feedback on the proposed project, from current staff and students, alumni, parents, carers and local residents.

There continues to be a high level of interest and passion about the future of Hurlstone Agricultural High School from the school community, local residents and interested stakeholders. There has been a shift in the focus of feedback from strategic priorities for the future of agricultural education in NSW to practical and operational considerations for the school. The key consultation outcomes were:

- Farm feedback focused on ensuring continuity of activities and practical management for teaching and learning;
- The school oval, and continued access to sports facilities, is highly valued;
- Most feedback received opposed land use changes. (Feedback about the Draft Glenfield Place Strategy, including rezoning, was forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment);
- Boarding school upgrades are supported, however there are concerns about the future management of student supervision and safety.

Many of the community and stakeholders who provided feedback also asked questions about the proposed project. We have included the answers to these questions, and more, in a series of Frequently Asked Questions. This and more detail about the consultation outcomes are available on the project webpage.

Next steps

We have submitted the project for approval to proceed. We will be commencing detailed planning and design throughout 2021. As the project progresses, we will share more information and welcome further questions and feedback.

Keep in touch

The SINSW website will have up to date information about this project. You can contact our community information line and email on the details below.

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