

Jindabyne Education Campus

Project update | December 2022

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.

Project overview

A project is underway to build a new education campus in Jindabyne as part of the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct. The purpose-built campus will include a separate primary school and high school, known as Jindabyne Public School and Jindabyne High School, with modern facilities to support students, teachers, and the community.

The primary and high schools will include flexible learning spaces, libraries, halls, playing fields, open spaces and access to specialist facilities for art, woodwork, metalwork, music, drama and science.

The campus will also include a new Connected Learning Centre (CLC) being delivered by TAFE NSW and specialist Vocational Education Training (VET) facilities for hospitality, construction, entertainment and primary industry courses.

Once the new schools have been completed, students and staff from Jindabyne Central School will move into the new facilities and the Jindabyne Central School site will cease to operate.

Progress summary

A smoking ceremony was held mid November 2022 followed by the first sod turn to mark the start of construction. The existing site buildings have been demolished and small amounts of asbestos containing material were identified and addressed following the advice and protocols of accredited asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts. These works

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were monitored by occupational hygienists and conducted in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Some trees have been removed to accommodate the new school buildings in line with the development consent conditions for the project. Several parrots that were dislocated during the removal process are being cared for by the Snowy Mountains Wildlife Rescue organisation, LAOKO, and planned to return to site to reunite with their families in January.

A detailed Biodiversity Management Plan has been prepared for the project and is available in the 'Library' tab of the Jindabyne Education Campus website project page, under 'Reports': https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/j/jindabyne-education-campus.html.

A detailed landscape plan has been prepared for the project, which includes offsetting removed trees with new plantings that are a range of native, mature trees to increase canopy cover, as well as various shrubs and grasses. More trees are being planted on site than have been removed during the construction process.

Next steps

Over the coming months, work will include:

- removing rocks and preparing the ground for construction of the buildings, internal road, car park, and stormwater and sewer diversion works
- concrete pours for the ground slabs of the new school gym, library and Building E of the high school.

Work hours during the summer holiday period

No work will take place between Thursday 22 December 2022 and Tuesday 3 January 2023. From Wednesday 4 January construction will take place as usual between 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise notified.

If you have any queries or concerns about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from 5 pm Friday 23 December 2022 to 9 am Monday 9 January 2023, inclusive, in line with the NSW Government shut down period.

During this time, if there is an urgent issue please contact the site manager listed on the construction site entry. In an emergency, please call triple zero (000).

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