

# Kingscliff High School Upgrade

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Artist impression of the Kingscliff High School upgrade

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next 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.

We are upgrading Kingscliff High School to provide new permanent teaching spaces and core facilities. The upgrade will deliver:



Refurbished learning spaces



New senior learning environment



New visual and performing arts building



New sports pavilion



Refurbished hospitality facilities

# Progress summary

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## Early works

Construction of a new sports and PE pavilion was finished in November 2020 and the pavilion is now in use by the school.

## Design

We have now finalised the schematic design for the remainder of the upgrade in consultation with school staff and stakeholders. The schematic design, which will be submitted with the State Significant Development Application for the project, confirms the internal layout of spaces and how they will function. The building contractor is now working through the detailed design process.

## Main works

A construction contractor has been appointed for the main works and is currently working through a process to become familiarised with the project.

## Statutory planning

Due to the level of investment involved, the Kingscliff High School upgrade is considered a State Significant Development (SSD) and therefore the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will assess the development application for the project.

The State Significant Development Application (SSDA) will be lodged with DPIE in the coming weeks and placed on public exhibition on the DPIE major projects website. DPIE will notify neighbouring residents and place a notice in the local newspaper advising of the public exhibition timing and process. Submissions can be made directly to DPIE by post or online during the exhibition period.

We are also conducting a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) which will enable us to progress the construction of the library while the SSDA is being assessed.

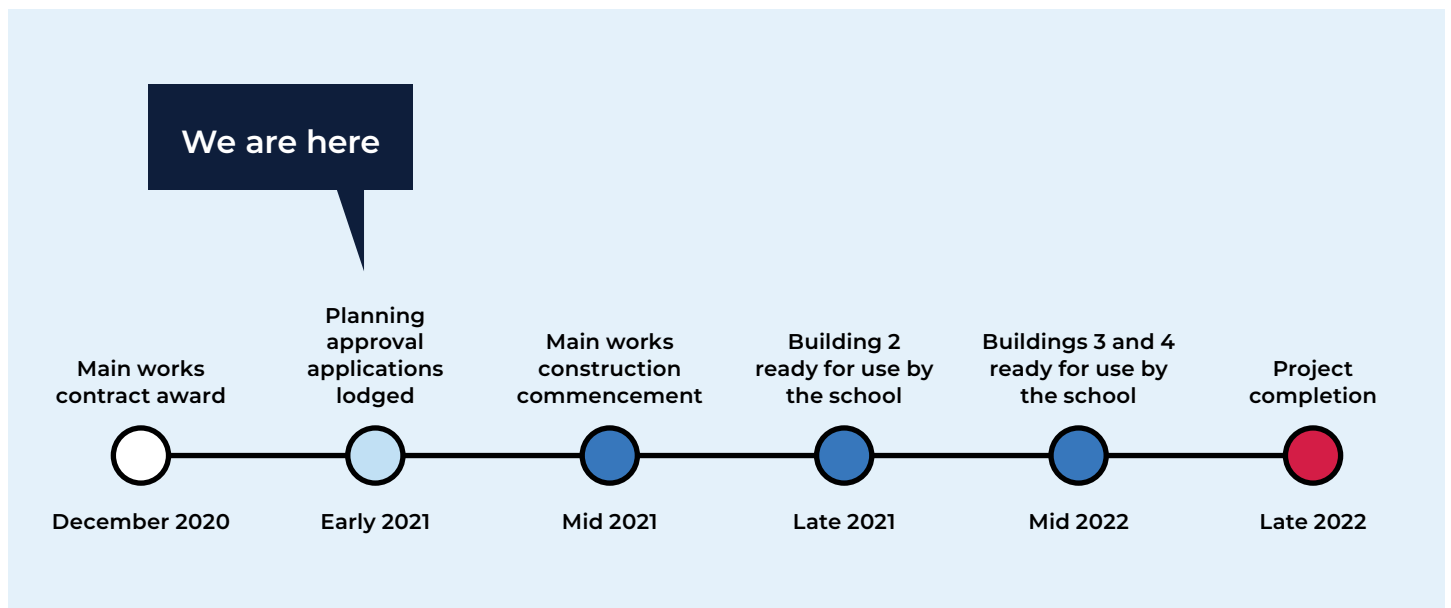


Outdoor learning area at the new sports pavilion

# Project schedule

The timeline for completion of main works has been extended to cater for additional time needed to achieve planning approvals and meet the conditions of consent. It is anticipated that the upgrade of Kingscliff High School will now be completed by late 2022.

To ensure the school gains the benefits of new facilities as soon as possible, the upgrade will be delivered progressively. In addition to the early works already delivered, further new facilities will be ready for use by the school in late 2021, with the remainder being ready for use throughout 2022.



# Construction approach

The upgrade to Kingscliff High School is being delivered progressively so that the school can remain operational on the current site during construction and so that facilities can be made available to the school as soon as possible.

## 2020

Early works. Completed in November 2020 and in use by the school.

- New sports pavilion

## 2021

Ready for use by the school in late 2021

- New library including administration space and computer learning area

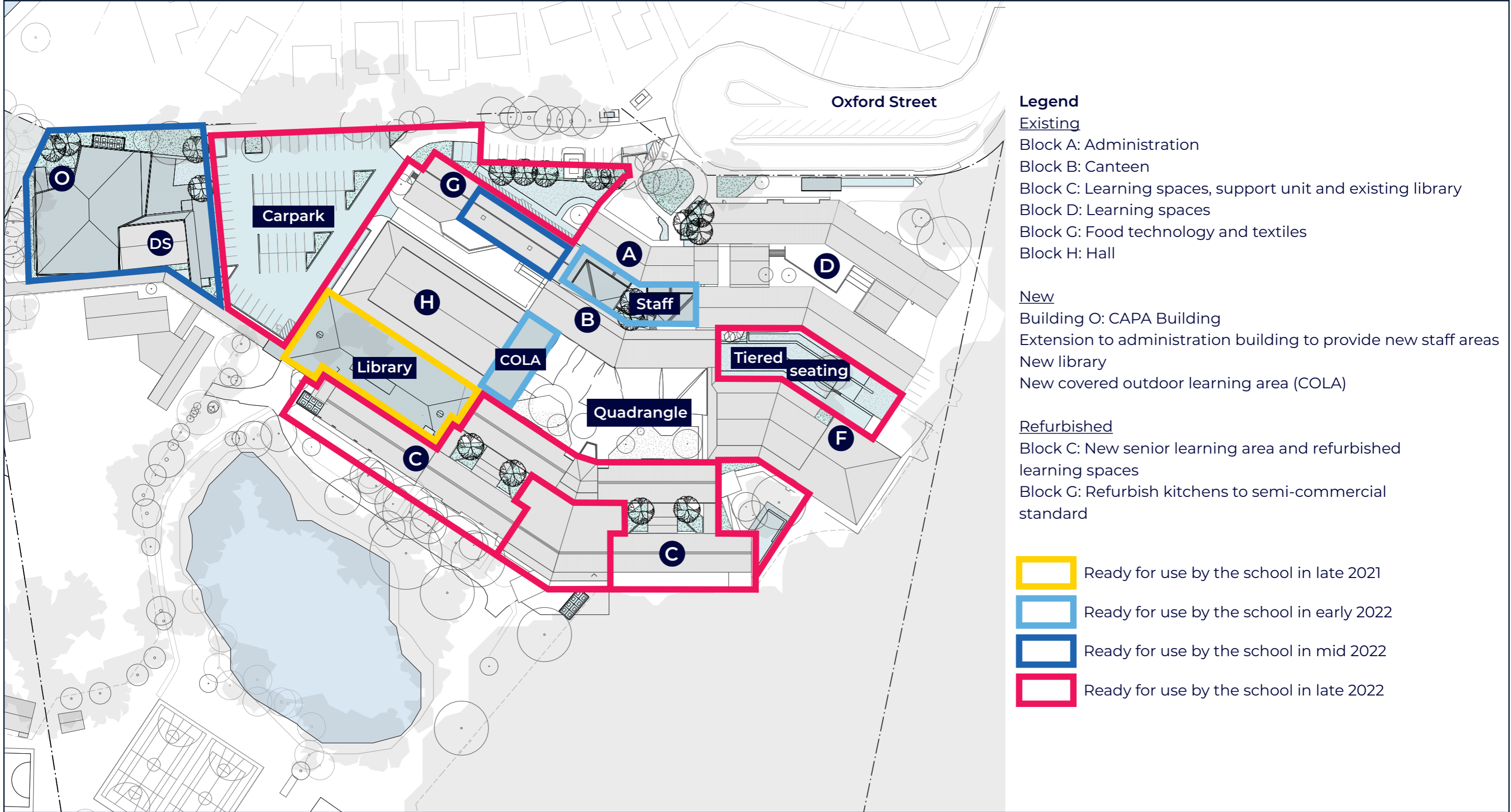
## 2022

Ready for use by the school progressively in 2022

- Extended administration building
- Refurbished kitchens to semi-commercial standard
- New creative and performing arts (CAPA) building
- Refurbished learning spaces in Block C
- New seniors learning area
- New outdoor learning area for school support unit
- Redeveloped car park
- New bicycle parking area
- New COLA

# Site plan

The site plan below shows the development proposed as well as the indicative construction timing. It reflects the designs that will be submitted as part of the State Significant Development Application.



# New buildings

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## CAPA building

The new, two-storey creative and performing arts (CAPA) building will be built adjacent to the existing dance studio. The facility will include:

- Learning spaces for performance, music and visual arts
- A large performance space
- Toilets and changing room facilities
- Staff study
- Kiln and pottery store
- Lift for accessibility



## Library

The new library will be constructed in the space between the hall and the western wing of Block C. The contemporary, open plan library space will include:

- Areas for books and independent study
- A computer learning area
- Service desk and printing station
- Library administration area
- New toilets

## Administration and staff

A new extension will be constructed to the existing administration block to create a new area for staff including:

- Staff lounge
- Staff study area
- Staff print room
- Staff courtyard

# Refurbishment

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## Block C

The project involves significant reconfiguration and refurbishment of Block C to provide 20 refurbished, innovative and flexible learning spaces which will enable future focused teaching approaches.

The existing library space will be redeveloped to create a senior learning area including:

- Seniors learning spaces
- Careers office
- Seminar rooms
- Staff study

All refurbished learning spaces will be air conditioned. A new lift will be provided outside the new library to provide access to the lower and upper levels of Block C.

## Food technology

As part of the project the existing kitchens in Block G will be refurbished and upgraded to a semi-commercial standard.

## Outdoor areas and landscaping

- The project will include landscaping and renovation of some outdoor areas including:
- Redevelopment of the carpark to enable more efficient use of space
- A new bike parking area to encourage more active journeys to school
- A new outdoor courtyard for the school support unit
- Tiered seating and for student use

# Frequently asked questions

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## Where is the development application for the project up to?

The State Significant Development application (SSDA) will be lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in the coming weeks and will then be placed on public exhibition on the DPIE major projects website. DPIE will notify neighbouring residents and place a notice in the local newspaper advising of the public exhibition timing and process. Submissions can be made directly to DPIE by post or online during the exhibition period.

## What is a Review of Environmental Factors?

In 2017 the NSW Government introduced a new education-based State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) that aims to make it easier to provide new and upgraded education facilities for communities. Under the SEPP some development works can be carried out without development consent from council. For the Kingscliff High School upgrade, the allowable works include construction of the new library.

Before commencing the works we need to undertake a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to determine whether there will be any potential impacts on the environment. As part of the REF process, a letter will be issued to neighbouring residents and stakeholders, providing them with details of the proposed work and contact details for feedback or further information.

## What impact will the project have on staff and student parking?

The project will maintain the current parking arrangements at the school.

## When will construction commence?

Construction is expected to commence in mid 2021, subject to the necessary planning approvals.

## Where will students learn during construction?

Students will continue to learn as usual. There will likely be room and timetable changes during each new phase of construction.

## How will student safety be maintained during construction?

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and neighbours is our highest priority. Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the works. Security fencing and hoarding will be installed to separate construction zones from the rest of the school.

Removal of hazardous materials, including asbestos, will be managed in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and Safe Work NSW. All work will be undertaken by licensed and accredited asbestos removalists and occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines. Notifications will be provided to the local and school community prior to the start of any remediation works. No hazardous materials will be removed during school hours.



## Next steps

### Design

The contractor will continue to work with SINSW and the school to finalise the detailed design. This includes selection of fixtures, fittings, colours and furniture.

### Construction

Over the coming months we will work with the building contractor to prepare for the commencement of the main construction works. This involves reviewing and agreeing to the contractor's construction and traffic management plans which identify any potential risks and identify strategies to manage those risks.

Construction is expected to commence in mid 2021, subject to the necessary planning approvals. The first step will be site establishment followed by demolition of the two-storey staff study and languages room to allow construction of the new library to commence.

## Stay informed

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

To stay up to date with opportunities for school communities to get involved in the project, visit the Kingscliff High School project page on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

Your feedback is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Contact us



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