

Our local high schools in 2025

Progress update
December 2024



On Day 1 Term 1 2025, Murwillumbah High School and Wollumbin High School will start operating again as 2 separate schools.

As 2024 comes to a close, the department is on track to achieve this exciting milestone, with the refurbishment of Murwillumbah High School, the first round of improvements to facilities at Wollumbin High School, and operational transition processes all progressing to plan.

Murwillumbah High School upgrade

Work to refurbish all buildings at Murwillumbah High School is entering its final stages. Many classrooms, specialist learning spaces and staff spaces are fully painted and carpeted with lighting, electrical fittings and joinery going in.

New furniture, equipment and IT hardware will be put in place during January and the school will be ready for staff when they return on 30 January 2025 and students when they return on 6 February 2025.

Some work will continue after school returns, including refurbishment of additional classrooms in Block B, working on the interior of the new student canteen and finishing hard and soft landscaping.



All classrooms and staff spaces are being fitted out with air conditioning, ceiling fans and energy efficient LED lighting



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Wollumbin High School upgrade

Construction contracts have been awarded for a range of works which will take place at Wollumbin High School during the summer school holiday period, including:

- refurbishment of student toilets on the lower floor of Block A
- refurbishment of the student canteen
- resurfacing and repainting the sports court
- new paint and carpet for some spaces across the school
- putting in new football goal posts.

We expect a contract will be awarded in early 2025 for the remainder of the upgrade works, including creating music classrooms in Block G and redeveloping Blocks R and H to provide facilities for specialist support classes. The timeline for works will be confirmed once a building contractor has been engaged.

New electrical substation for Murwillumbah High School

An assessment of the electrical load required to power the refurbished Murwillumbah High School has confirmed that the electrical infrastructure in the local area needs to be upgraded to meet the power requirements of the school. The upgrade will include the design, procurement and installation of a new electrical substation in liaison with Essential Energy.

While the design for the new electrical infrastructure is in the final stages, approval and certification by Essential Energy and off-site fabrication of the transformer involve a long lead time.

To ensure the school operates smoothly, Murwillumbah High School will adopt a strategic approach to power usage from when school returns until the substation is operational in mid-2025.

School Infrastructure and the building contractor are working with the school to develop a power load management plan based on the timetable and school requirements. This will involve prioritising essential school operations to minimise disruption to students and staff while ensuring comfort and efficiency.

School holiday works

Our contractors will be working through the summer school holiday period at both Murwillumbah High School and Wollumbin High School.

For information about school upgrade projects, contact School Infrastructure at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or 1300 482 651.

School Infrastructure will be closed from 5 pm Friday 20 December 2024 to 9 am Monday 6 January 2025, inclusive. 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).