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Construction of the new Jerrabomberra High School is underway.

The new high school will have modern facilities, with 25 flexible learning spaces including 3 support learning spaces, to accommodate approximately 500 students and will deliver:





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Timeline



Project progress

The site for the new permanent high school has been established and earthmoving works are underway. The foundations of the sports hall, classrooms and administration buildings have been poured and structural steel frames, precast panels and scaffolding has begun.

Designed around teaching and learning

These buildings contain 25 learning spaces to accommodate approximately 500 students. This includes 3 learning spaces that are dedicated to Specialist Support Classes as well as general learning spaces (GLS), a library and a multipurpose hall, sports courts, covered outdoor learning area (COLA), outdoor space, canteen, and administration facilities.

The design is arranged by learning units that are focused on discipline-based learning neighborhoods. General learning spaces are flexibly connected allowing students to work in varied group sizes and move between indoor and outdoor learning spaces.

A variety of furniture will provide students with choice, comfort and flexibility.



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Landscape

The new high school campus has been designed in accordance with the four landscape principles of identity, access, green amenity and diverse spaces. The landscape design creates diverse landscape spaces on four different levels which reflect the complex site topography by maximising accessibility between the different levels.

All terraced outdoor spaces are connected by flights of stairs and ramps to provide full accessibility for all abilities between them. The embankments between the different levels are planted with native grasses, shrubs and trees and are a main landscape element of the school campus. Covered walkways, covered outdoor learning spaces and canopy trees throughout the campus provide protection from the sun and rain.

The provision of generous and diverse landscaped outdoor spaces that provide a strong connection to the surrounding nature and its cultural landscape is one of the key objectives of the landscape design of the new high school. The Educational Walk at the north-western corner of the site will showcase endemic plant species and the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape and provide teaching spaces to learn from Country.



Image gallery



Main entrance. Indicative only.



North West Corner. Indicative only.





Upper playground. Indicative only.



Block A/Lower Playground. Indicative only.

Next steps

The structural steel for the sports hall will be installed early in the new year. Delivery and assembly of structural steel frames, precast panels and scaffolding in addition to the building of a retaining wall for the school library, has also begun and will continue into February 2023.

Frequently asked questions

When will the permanent high school be open for students?

The permanent high school will be completed in 2023. The date at which the school is open for students will be coordinated with school leadership to ensure school operations are not disrupted.

What are the Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG)?

The EFSG outline the facilities available to new schools in NSW based on the number of students. These guidelines are applicable to all new schools in NSW.

Who sets the budget for new schools and upgrades?

Demand for school infrastructure must be assessed on a relative-need basis across the whole state. At any given time, we have a finite amount of education funds and we must optimise how we distribute them.

How many science labs will the new permanent Jerrabomberra High School have?

The new permanent high school will have one science lab and two science general learning spaces (GLS). There will be provisions for the possible future installation of a science bench in each of the Science GLS.

How does Jerrabomberra High School's facilities compare to other new public schools being built in NSW?

The number of facilities in each school is determined by the school population under the EFSG. The quality of the facilities will be to the same high standard provided with all our new and upgraded public schools across the state.

How would you describe the learning spaces at the new high school?

The flexible learning spaces are designed and equipped to support contemporary learning and teaching. Learning and breakout spaces are designed with large, glazed sliding doors to provide connections and opportunity for flexible learning environments that can accommodate individual classrooms or opportunities for collaboration between classes.

When will the temporary High School demountables be removed?

The temporary high school buildings will be removed once the permanent high school is open and operational. The timing of this transition will be coordinated with the school leadership.

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