



Artist impression of the new learning hub

# Newcastle Education Campus

Project update | November 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

Located on the main Newcastle High School site, the Newcastle Education Campus will cater for the growing population in the region by delivering: 37 new permanent learning spaces; 5 new support learning spaces; and a new library, multi-purpose facility (hall), canteen and science laboratories.

## Progress summary

The project has four major design phases: masterplanning, concept design, schematic design and detailed design. The schematic design was completed in October 2022 and work will start on the detailed design later in November 2022.

Archaeological investigations took place in early November 2022. These tests included excavating 13 test pits across the site to identify potential Aboriginal cultural materials. The findings of these tests are currently being examined and the outcome will form part of the State Significant Development (SSD) application.

Various studies and plans have been finalised to support the Environmental Impact Statement required for the SSD application. These include the Aboriginal Assessment, Biodiversity Assessment, Utilities/Infrastructure Delivery Plans, and the Heritage Impact Statement.

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### **Next steps**

Work will continue on the detailed design of the facility in consultation with the school, architects, engineers, planners, consultants, the department's technical stakeholder group and other government agencies.

Site investigations will continue until Friday 18 November, weather permitting. These investigations will be carried out within the school site and involve drilling bore holes and test pits using a small excavator and hand auger to test the ground conditions to identify potential contaminants present on the site. All work will be carried out during standard construction hours which are Monday to Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am to 1:00pm. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless notified.

The State Significant Development (SSD) application is currently being prepared and a preliminary submission will be lodged in late 2022 for the Department of Planning and Environment and other relevant agencies to informally review. The formal SSD application will be lodged in early 2023 and we invite community feedback prior to submitting.

### **Invitation to community information session 24 November 2022**

Following our last information session held in September this year, we will be holding a second drop-in community information session on Thursday 24 November 2022 in the Staff House (Block J) at Newcastle High School.

This information session provides an opportunity for the school and community to learn more about the new facilities, view the updated schematic design and ask questions of the project team.

You can attend anytime between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm, as this will not be a presentation. Access will be through the main entrance off Parkway Avenue. In the interest of public safety we encourage anyone attending to wear a mask.

### **How can I keep up to date about this project?**

Stay up to date by visiting the project webpage <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/newcastle-education-campus.html> or scan the QR code below.

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