



Newcastle Education Campus

Project update | December 2023

Project overview

As part of the NSW Government’s plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

The 2023-24 Budget has committed funding to progress the Newcastle Education Campus. Located on the main Newcastle High School site, the Newcastle Education Campus will upgrade facilities to meet future demand by delivering:

- a new 3 storey learning hub which includes a new library, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA), support learning unit, general classrooms, hospitality classrooms and science labs
- a new multi-purpose facility with gymnasium, stage, fitness lab, flexible classrooms, outdoor courts and end of trip facilities
- a new student hub within existing Building A and student entry from Parkway Avenue
- retention of key heritage buildings on site.

Progress summary

The State Significant Development (SSD) application was exhibited earlier this year by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). DPE reviewed all submissions received during the 28-day public exhibition period and requested School Infrastructure NSW provide a formal response. We worked through the submissions in a process called Request for Information (RFI) and provided our response to DPE in late October 2023. The RFI can be viewed on the DPE planning portal under additional information:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/newcastle-education-campus>

A tender was released in late April 2023 for a contractor, who will progress the design of the school upgrade and be responsible for construction of the project.

Determination of the SSD application can take up to 9 months, after which construction work will begin. We will keep the community informed about the status of the project’s statutory planning approvals and notify you before construction starts.

Summer holiday works

Demountable installation

As advised in our November 2023 works notification, 11 temporary classrooms and 2 amenity blocks will be installed on the school site. This means Building B can be demolished to make way for construction of the new learning hub without impacting school lessons.

From November 2023 we started preparing the site and all demountables were delivered in early December. Set up of these temporary buildings will continue over the summer school holidays and will be finished in time for the school to use them from Day 1 Term 1 2024.

The work hours over the holidays are Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm and Saturday 8 am to 1 pm. No work will be undertaken on Sunday or on public holidays unless otherwise advised.

Keep up to date about this project

If you have any queries or concerns about the project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours via the contact detail below.

The School Infrastructure NSW office will be closed from 5 pm Friday 22 December 2023 to 9 am Monday 8 January 2024 inclusive. You can continue to contact us during this time, and we will get back to you after we return. If there is an emergency please call triple zero (000).

For the latest information, visit the project web page <http://edu.nsw.link/NewcastleEC> or scan the QR code.



Artist impression of the internal courtyard in the new learning hub

