



Artist impression of inside the new multi-purpose facility

Newcastle Education Campus

Project update | June 2023

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:

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

Progress summary

We have finished the final major design phase of the Newcastle Education Campus. The detailed design was developed in consultation with Newcastle High School, architects, engineers, planners, consultants, parent and citizen (P&C) representatives, the department's technical stakeholder group and other government agencies. The detailed design will be included in the State Signification Development Application (SSDA).

We have continued our preparation of the SSDA. All technical studies included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which forms an important part of the SSDA, have now been completed.

We will shortly be lodging the SSDA with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). Once lodged, detailed information about the project will be exhibited on the DPE planning portal where you will have the opportunity to provide feedback: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions>. We will notify the community when the application is on public exhibition.

In April 2023 we released a tender for the main works construction contractor. A contract is expected to be awarded to appoint a builder in late 2023. Once appointed, we will work with the builder to finalise the construction drawings ready for construction to start. Work will start on site after the builder has been appointed and planning approval has been received.

Minor onsite works – 5 to 12 July 2023

In June 2023 we notified the public that we would be carrying out mine subsidence investigations on the school grounds to help inform the design and construction of the Newcastle Education Campus. The investigations included drilling bore holes through soil and bedrock to a maximum depth of 60 meters below the surface. At the time the bore holes were capped to allow for future access to grout the mine workings if required. Subsidence Advisory NSW has confirmed that mine grouting is not required, and therefore we need to fill these bore holes before we start ground works.

From Wednesday 5 July 2023 we will be removing the capping and steel casing from 5 bore holes and backfilling them using grout and concrete. We will also temporarily remove 2 fence panels from the Parkway Avenue boundary to allow access for a drilling rig. These works are expected to be finished by Wednesday 12 July 2023, weather and site conditions pending.

We don't expect that these works will cause disruption to neighbours or the school community. All work will be carried out during the school holidays and during standard construction hours which are Monday to Friday 7 am to 5 pm and Saturday 8 am to 1 pm. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless notified.

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