

# Newcastle High School redevelopment

## Project update | December 2024



Artist impression, Newcastle High School redevelopment (subject to change)

## Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

## Project overview

A project is underway to redevelop Newcastle High School by upgrading facilities to meet future demand. The project will deliver:

- a new three-storey learning hub with a library, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA), facilities for specialist support classes, general classrooms, hospitality classrooms and science labs
- a new multipurpose facility with gymnasium, stage, fitness lab, modern classrooms, outdoor courts and end of trip facilities
- a new student hub within existing Building A and student entry from Parkway Avenue.

Key heritage buildings on the school site will also be retained.

## Progress summary

Structural and foundation works have progressed for both the new learning hub and multipurpose facility.

For the new learning hub, works to pour the concrete slabs for the ground floor are underway and the lift shafts and stair walls are now formed to the first floor.

Ground floor works for the multipurpose facility have also begun, with retaining walls and ground floor slabs to be completed by the end of the year.

The footpaths and paved area near the library have been completed and handed over to the school.

Hoarding has also been set up around a section of Building A in preparation for the internal refurbishment works which will create a new student hub and office space.



## Next steps

Structural and foundation works will continue to progress on the new learning hub and multipurpose facility.

Construction will also start on an overhead walkway between Building A and the new learning hub in the coming months.

The switchover to the newly built substation on National Park Street has been rescheduled to January 2025. Any residents affected by the switchover will be notified by Ausgrid.



*Artist impression showing the multipurpose facility from the east (subject to change).*

## Update on London Plane trees

As shared in the June 2024 project update, 2 London Plane trees within the school site on National Park Street were found to have been damaged by to suspected poisoning.

Following a thorough examination from an independent arborist, it has been determined that the trees cannot be saved. Preparations are now underway with the relevant authorities for the removal of the trees in the coming months. Any residents affected by the tree removal will be notified.

Following the removal, two replacement trees will be planted as recommended by the landscape architect.

## Holiday working hours

Construction will continue at Newcastle High School over the school summer holidays.

There will be no work on site from Saturday 21 December 2024 to Sunday 5 January 2025 inclusive. Normal working hours of 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday will resume on Monday 6 January 2025.



*Artist impression of the new learning hub courtyard from above (subject to change).*

## Stay informed

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School Infrastructure will be closed from 5 pm Friday 20 December 2024 to 9 am Monday 6 January 2025, inclusive, in line with the NSW Government shut down period.

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).

