



# Newcastle High School redevelopment

Project update | June 2024

## 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 redevelopment of the Newcastle High School main campus. This project will upgrade facilities to meet future demand by delivering:

- a new 3 storey learning hub which includes 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, 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 temporary demountable, known as Building Q, was removed from the school grounds via National Park Street in March 2024.

Site establishment works to prepare for construction were completed in March 2024 and demolition of Building B and part of the existing sports courts were finished by May 2024.

Construction of the new learning hub near the corner of Parkway Avenue and National Park Street and the new multipurpose facility near Smith Street started in late May 2024. Other works associated with this include inground services (sewer, water supply, stormwater, gas and electricity), remediation of the area and landscaping.

Building H was relocated from the north-east section of the school to its new home near the library in early June 2024.

## Next steps

Construction of the new learning hub and multipurpose facility will continue and is expected to take around 18 months, subject to weather and site conditions.

Works over the next few months include:

- piling and foundation works for the new learning hub and multipurpose facility
- concrete pours for the ground floors of the new learning hub and multipurpose facility
- inground service and upgrades for the new learning hub and multipurpose facility.

During this time vehicles will enter the site from National Park Street and Smith Street. Traffic controllers will be used where required for the safety of staff, students and the local community. Please follow the directions of any temporary signage and traffic controllers when in place.



Artist impression of Newcastle High School redevelopment

## London Plane trees

One of the conditions of consent to proceed with this project is the protection and retention of the London Plane trees within the school fenced area on National Park Street, identified as 248 and 255 in the [Arboricultural Impact Assessment](#) prepared by Joseph Pidutti Consulting Arborist.

Unfortunately, it appears that these trees have been the subject of vandalism with holes drilled into the base of both trees at about 10 to 15 cm apart. Investigations have confirmed that this was not carried out by anyone from the school or the contractor. It is believed the purpose of the drill holes was to poison and kill the trees.

The new learning hub has been designed around these trees. They are valued by the school as they provide sustainable canopy to students, staff and visitors, provide shade from the west and will provide shade to the courtyard once construction is complete.

Our consulting arborist has inspected the trees and is working hard to save them. If you notice vandalism of school property you can call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report it online at [nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au).

We will keep the community updated about the health of these trees.

## Keep up to date about this project

If you have any queries or concerns about the project, you can contact us during business hours via the contact details below.

For the latest information, visit the project web page [edu.nsw.link/NewcastleHS](http://edu.nsw.link/NewcastleHS) or scan the QR code.

