



Artist impression of the Pendle Hill High School

# Pendle Hill High School

Summer holidays notification | December 2021

## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

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

A project is underway to upgrade Pendle Hill High School to support the growing student and community needs.

The project will deliver:

- 14 new learning spaces, including two multimedia rooms
- Upgrade the old library into 4 flexible learning spaces in Block E
- a library
- a lecture theatre
- new staff and administration areas
- outdoor learning spaces and landscaping
- student amenities.

## Progress summary

The main construction of the new school building started in November 2021, with a sod-turning taking place to mark reaching this major milestone. The initial works are progressing well, with the site now established.

The refurbishment activities of Block E are now finished, offering the school four new permanent learning spaces. Students and staff started using the new learning spaces in Term 4.

## For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW

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## **School holiday works program**

Over the summer school holidays, works will continue to prepare for the construction of a new building at Pendle Hill High School. Upcoming works will include:

- bulk earthworks, remediation and excavation
- installation of inground services such as plumbing and electrical.

Final works to Block A will continue during the school holidays and the new staff area will be handed over to the school in Term 1.

## **Removal of asbestos containing materials**

As previously notified, asbestos containing material was found in ground within part of the sports field at Pendle Hill High School.

Safety measures and monitoring have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. The area is located within the construction site and will remain out of bounds to students and staff until remediation and construction is completed.

This area will be remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The material is scheduled to be remediated during the summer school holidays between Monday 10 January and Friday 28 January. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours. The health, safety and wellbeing of the school community and residents is our highest priority. Please be assured that these works will not pose a risk to the community.

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **Will construction take place over Christmas and New Year?**

The contractor will close the construction site during the Christmas and New Year period from Friday 24 December 2021 to Sunday 9 January 2022.

### **Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction works over the holidays?**

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651. School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from Monday 27 December to Friday 7 January.

For any urgent queries or concerns about construction during this period, please contact our builder via the site manager's contact details on the main construction gate signage. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

### **Will there be any student and staff access changes on Day 1 Term 1 2022?**

There will be no changes to the current pedestrian flows or school entry points when students and staff return in Term 1 2022. Hoarding, pathways and fencing will remain in place around the school to ensure students can access facilities safely during the construction period.

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