



Pendle Hill High School

Project update | October 2021

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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:

- a new three-storey building with 14 new, modern flexible learning spaces
- a new lecture theatre and library spaces
- a range of new core facilities and student amenities
- a new staff development space.

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Progress summary

The State Significant Development application has been approved and Taylor Construction Group has been appointed as the construction contractor.

Site establishment, including the delivery and installation of compound sites is now finished and the new temporary learning spaces have been installed and are operational.

Upgrades to the staff car park and installation of a new vehicle entry gate on Cornock Avenue are now finished.

The refurbishment activities to Block E and A are progressing well, with internal demolition, installation of internal walls, plumbing, electrical and mechanical lines completed.

Next steps

Upgrade works to Block A and Block E will continue, including converting the existing facilities into four new permanent learning spaces and a new staff development area. The upcoming works include commencing the internal fitout, painting, flooring and installation of the joinery.

Managing construction impacts

Main works construction activity at Pendle Hill High School is anticipated to start in early November 2021. The initial works will include remediation, bulk earthworks and foundation levelling to prepare for the three new school building on Binalong Road.

As part of the consent to carry out the work, the main contractor is required to develop a Construction Environmental Management Plan. This plan outlines how it will manage construction impacts on nearby local residents. These impacts include noise, vibration and vehicle movements. You can view the consent conditions, including those required for managing construction impacts at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/p/pendle-hill-high-school-upgrade.html.



Artist impression of the new outdoor learning spaces at Pendle Hill High School

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Your feedback

You can contribute to the development of these plans to effectively manage construction impacts. Your feedback is sought on how we propose to manage construction activities listed in the table below. Please provide your feedback by Friday 29 October 2021 via email at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.

Activity	How we propose to minimise or manage the impact on nearby residents
General	<p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise levels generated by the operations at the site shall not exceed the noise control guidelines outlined in the EPA Environmental Noise Control Manual for construction and demolition works. The local community will be provided with advance notice of work, particularly outlining any anticipated high-noise works. Trucks will be maintained with low-noise mufflers, and only use approved truck routes to and from the site. Regular reinforcement and briefings to workers onsite about the need to minimise noise and vibration will occur.
Construction	<p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will provide advance notice of work to the local community, particularly when we anticipate high-noise generating works. Site hoarding will be installed around the construction site to mitigate noise impacts. Respite periods will be used for certain activities and conduct noisy works at less sensitive times. Work will occur within approved standard work hours, unless otherwise notified. In close proximity of sensitive receiver residents, machines will not be used simultaneously. Workers and contractors are regularly trained to use equipment in ways to minimise noise. Avoid the use of radios or stereos outdoors where neighbours can be affected. Avoid the overuse of public address systems. The use of broadband reversing alarms on construction vehicles. Develop a one-page summary of the consent conditions for the site noticeboard for workers to reference this information quickly.

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Construction hours	<p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise levels for general activities will only occur within approved work hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 7 am and 7 pm Monday to Friday Between 8 am and 1 pm Saturday. If rock breaking activities are required, impacts will be managed through equipment selection, and respite periods. Rock breaking hours will be strictly limited to approved hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 9 am and 12 pm Monday to Friday Between 2 pm and 5 pm Monday to Friday Between 9 am and 12 pm on Saturdays.
Traffic management	<p>Proposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trucks will be well maintained and will be required to observe speed limits. Trucks will be maintained with low-noise mufflers. Trucks will only use approved truck routes to and from the site. Planning deliveries and access to the site to occur quietly and efficiently and to organise parking only within designated areas located away from the sensitive receivers. Construction vehicles (including concrete agitator trucks) do not arrive at the site or surrounding residential precincts outside of the construction hours. We are minimising the need for vehicle reversing by arranging for one-way site traffic routes.
Community Engagement	<p>The community information phone line and email address will be available throughout the project and for a minimum of 12 months following completion of the project: Phone: 1300 482 651 Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.</p>

Frequently asked questions

When will main construction works start?

The main construction is expected to start in early November 2021.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

The contractor will continue to implement dust and noise control measures. Dust and noise are minimised with hoarding, shade cloth and spraying water.

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How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage the entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary.

Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times. The primary vehicle entrance for construction traffic will be via a temporary vehicle entry off Binalong Road. A secondary vehicle entry on Cornock Avenue will be used outside of school hours.

To minimise the need for vehicle reversing, all construction vehicles will enter and exit the site in a forward direction. Traffic control will also be in place as required to manage pedestrian and vehicular movements near the site access points.

How will student and staff safety be maintained at the construction site pathways?

Access paths will be installed to provide workers access between the construction compound and the construction sites in Blocks A and E. These paths help minimise the impact of construction on the operational school. A secure gate system will ensure that students do not have access to the construction site, and construction workers will not have access to the school. Measures are in place to maintain social distancing between students and construction workers at these points.

Will street parking be impacted during construction?

Street parking impacts will be minimised where possible. Contractors are encouraged to use public transport or alternative travel arrangements to travel to the site. We will work with local communities to identify issues and put in place measures to mitigate the effects.

Will utility services be interrupted as part of the construction?

School Infrastructure NSW coordinates upgrades or new supplies of utility services with local providers to minimise disruption. In the event of a disruption to services in the local area, we will notify businesses and residents in advance.

Is there a COVID safety plan in place?

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan will be in place for the site and the contractor will enforce strict compliance with the Public Health Order. Our construction sites will follow all current health guidelines, including workers wearing masks for indoor and outdoor work.

Are the construction hours impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?

The NSW Government has recently passed legislation to allow construction hours to be extended outside of those specified in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979) under the COVID-19 Development Construction Work Days Order (No 3) 2021 to protect the health, safety and welfare of construction workers and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The construction hours are 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm Saturday and 9 am to 5 pm Sunday. Work completed on Sundays and public holidays is restricted to certain activities to minimise noise and impact to the community. We will provide advance notice to the community when extended work hours are required.

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Map of contractor access points

The map below shows the location of the contractor access points during the construction works.



LEGEND



Construction access only



Construction compound



Compound site access



Construction access only bridge



Construction fencing and hoarding



Construction access pathways



Main construction of new three storey building



Early works refurbishments



Temporary library and administration

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