

Picton High School

Information pack

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Artist impression of the Picton High School upgrade

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years, along with a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools. 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 New South Wales. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

The redevelopment will deliver the below benefits and more.



Flexible learning spaces



New staff and administration areas and entrance



New Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)



A library



New commercial kitchen and hospitality facilities



New technology, applied science and automotive workshops



New performing arts space, dance and PE facilities



New sporting field, outdoor sports courts and recreation spaces



Refurbished lecture theatre

Picton High School

A major project is underway to redevelop Picton High School. The redevelopment will provide new flexible learning spaces, a new library and administration area, performing arts space, special education facilities and a covered outdoor learning area and recreation areas. The existing hall will be refurbished. The upgraded school will have capacity for 1500 students.

Progress summary

The majority of demolition works and earthworks have now been completed. Initial concrete pours have commenced to lay the foundations for the new Building E. Existing Buildings B, C, D, F, H are in the process of being prepared for refurbishment works.

Since the beginning of term 1 we have progressed the following works:

- Concrete pours for Buildings A and the suspended slab for Level 1 (Building G)
- Installation of scaffolding
- Steel works for the existing Building F
- Installation of the tower crane

Wonga Road works

Stage 1 of works to install a roundabout in Wonga Road are in progress. The project continues to work with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, SafeWork NSW, local council and other agencies to progress these works. When complete, the roundabout will provide bus access and improved access to the entrance of the temporary school.

The project is committed to keeping the school community, neighbours and local businesses regularly informed about the progress of these works, with more detailed information to be provided as each stage progresses.

Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020

In line with the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020*, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules while on construction sites by distributing building work across the week.

The Picton HS redevelopment project has no requirement to extend their hours at this stage. However we may determine at a later stage of the project that there is a need to adopt the new rule on its site depending on the stage of the project, the type of work being performed, and the number of workers required on site to complete that work.

School Infrastructure NSW will notify the local community of any changes to standard construction hours for each project and will ensure work is considerate of neighbours with noise kept to a minimum.

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Changes to how we operate

The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority.

We are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed about our project in your community to account for social distancing measures.

How we will keep you informed

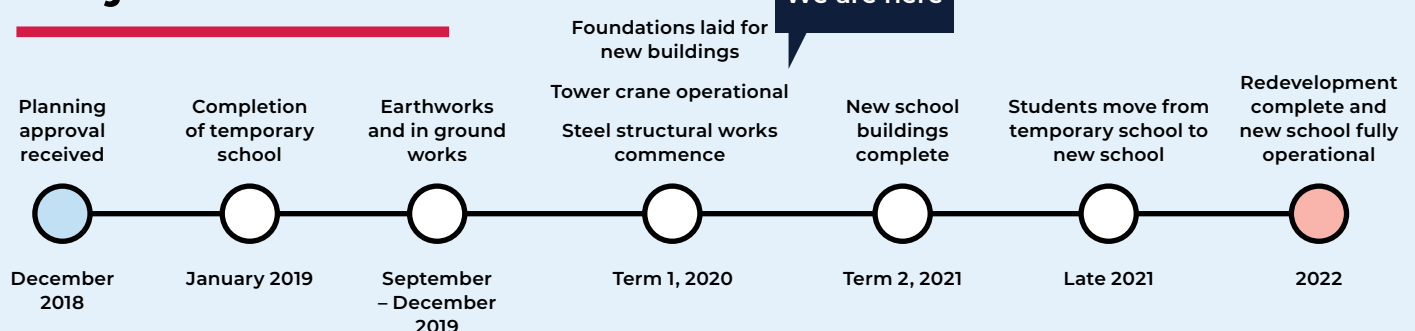
Until further notice we will:

- No longer knock on your door to talk about your local project. We will instead provide this information in a 'door knock notification' delivered to your letterbox
- Continue to deliver project updates and works notifications to your letterbox
- Share information with our communities online instead of in person.

Our information hotline and email address will continue to operate as normal.

The health and safety of our communities and our staff remains our highest priority. We remain committed to sharing project updates and important information about the school project in your area.

Project timeline



Picton High School Redvelopment Site Map



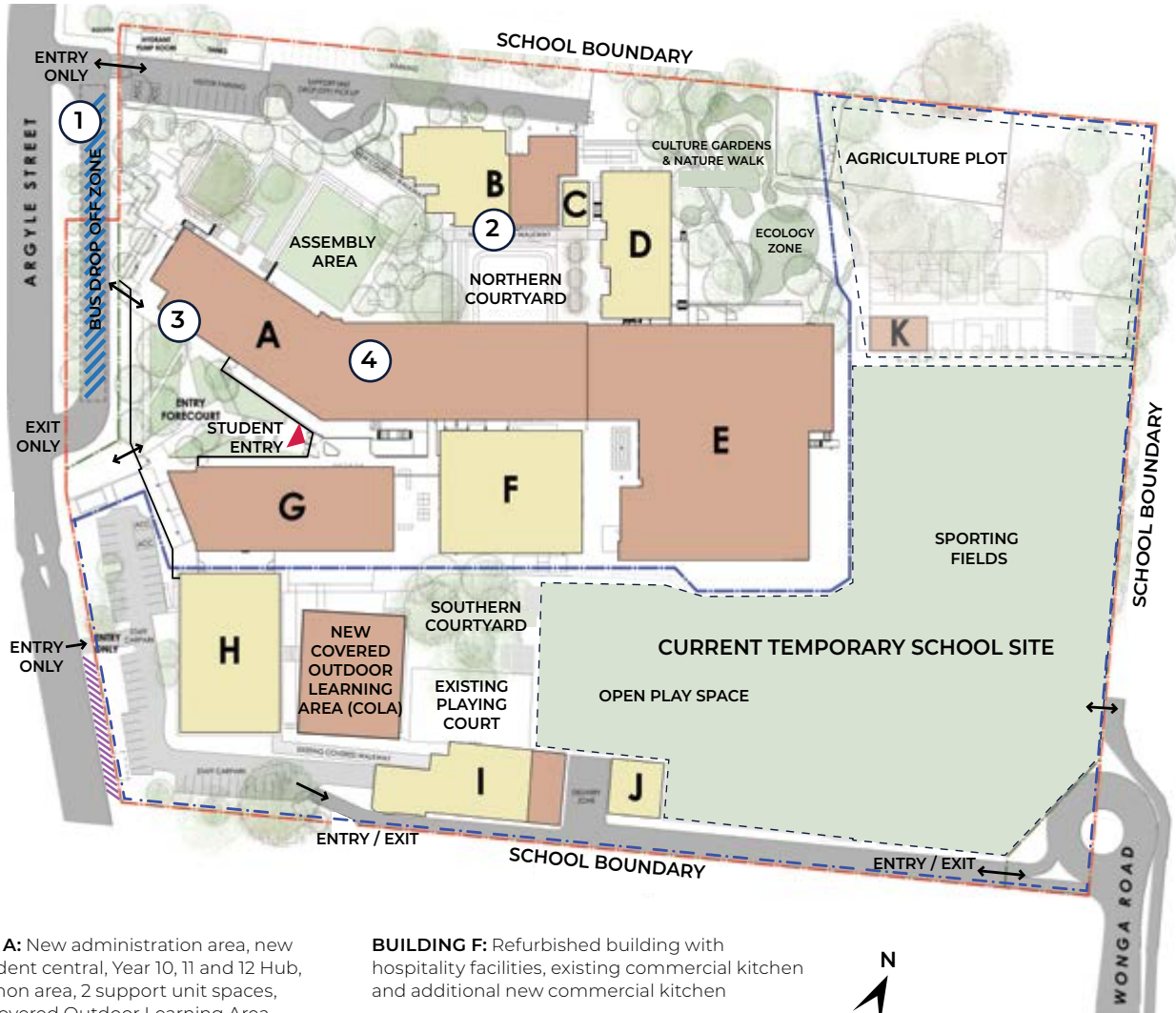
Bus bay and parking



Northern courtyard



Northern courtyard tiered



BUILDING A: New administration area, new library, student central, Year 10, 11 and 12 Hub, staff common area, 2 support unit spaces, canteen, Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)

BUILDING B: Refurbished building with 5 support unit spaces

BUILDING C: Refurbished lecture theatre

BUILDING D: Refurbished building with Year 7, 8 and 9 hub

BUILDING E: New STEAM precinct

BUILDING F: Refurbished building with hospitality facilities, existing commercial kitchen and additional new commercial kitchen

BUILDING G: New performing arts, dance and PE facilities

BUILDING H: Refurbished hall

BUILDING I: Refurbished building with new technology, applied science and automotive workshops

BUILDING J: Bus Shelter

BUILDING K: Agriculture shed



- EXISTING BOUNDARY
- TEMPORARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY
- PROPOSED NEW BOUNDARY
- NEW BUILDING
- REFURBISHED BUILDING
- BUS DROP OFF / PICK UP ZONE
- CAR DROP OFF / PICK UP ZONE



Northern courtyard activity area



Entry forecourt



Student hub and circulation spine

Frequently asked questions

When will construction be finished?

Construction of the redeveloped school is scheduled for completion in early 2022.

What are the construction hours for the project?

Work hours for the main works are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and from 8:00am to 1:00pm Saturdays.

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School Infrastructure NSW will notify the local community of any changes to standard construction hours for each project and will ensure work is considerate of neighbours with noise kept to a minimum.

What will be done to minimise the construction impacts on the school, its students and the community?

The safety and wellbeing of the community is our utmost priority. All construction on site will be conducted in accordance with state noise, safety and building regulations. Hoarding and shade cloth will be erected to reduce dust and noise impacts on the school and our neighbours. Dust from demolition and construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads.

Notifications to the school community and surrounding neighbours will be issued prior to works. Any potentially disruptive tasks will be undertaken during non-school hours.

How will construction noise be managed during the project?

The construction team will monitor noise throughout the project to ensure all noise is within accepted levels. Noisy works will be scheduled outside of school hours and exam periods, where possible. The project team will work closely with the school to reduce impacts of noise as much as possible.

Will there be opportunities to tour the new school when complete?

It is anticipated that orientation events will be held for students and their families to familiarise themselves with the new school once it is finished. We will provide welcome packs for staff and students on the first day back at the new school in early 2022.

What is the statutory planning approval process?

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) requires statutory planning approval from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) as this project is classified as a State Significant Development (SSD). A SSD is a development of particular significance to the people and State of NSW. This project received planning approval in December 2018. You can find the relevant approval documents here – <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects> (search for Picton High School).

Why is there a roundabout being built on Wonga Road?

When complete, the roundabout will provide additional bus and vehicle access to the school. The roundabout will also improve traffic flow and access to the school and neighbouring properties.

How will construction traffic be managed during the project?

There is likely to be an increase in construction traffic on Argyle Street during the project.

Construction vehicle movements will be limited during drop off and pick up times and peak hours and traffic management is in place at all times to minimise impacts to other vehicles and pedestrians.

What are you doing to meet social distancing requirements?

School Infrastructure NSW and the contractor Taylor are operating within strict accordance of the NSW Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020.

We are guided by the most up to date NSW Public Health Order with the contractor Taylor maintaining a COVID-19 Action Plan which also applies to all sub-contractors on-site.

In addition, the contractor has increased supervision and monitoring of areas of high congregation, including the carpark.

School Infrastructure NSW take extremely seriously any reports of individuals on construction sites found not to be complying with the rules set out in the NSW Public Health Order. Workers reported to be not following these guidelines will be removed from site if deemed necessary.

School Infrastructure NSW continues to be guided by the latest health advice, and we thank you for your continued support and patience while we deliver this important project for the Picton community.