

Picton High School

Welcome Pack



Artist impression of the Picton High School upgrade

Welcome to your new school

We are thrilled to announce that your new permanent facilities are now open! The upgrades to your school include:



New classrooms and flexible learning spaces



New performing arts and PE facilities (Building C)



New library



New kitchen and commercial hospitality facilities (Building F)



Special education facilities



Covered outdoor learning areas



New administration area



Safety improvements to the bus and car drop-off area

Message from your Principal

Picton High School opened its doors in April of 1958. Prior to that, students attended a “Central School” operating at Picton Primary School.

Seven decades later, our community is again blessed with a new school. We have watched as the old made way for the new. The first and largest part of the new building program is now finished – all new buildings are completed.

Gone is the four-walled, teacher focused approach to teaching and learning. In are open plan designs and learning spaces. Libraries are now learning hubs, technology is integrated everywhere, and learning is more than teacher delivered. Students will be shown how to be facilitators of their own learning.

Schools of the 21st century do not simply replace books with laptops. A change in the way we teach and learn will leverage the change we need to best prepare tomorrow’s adults. In this new site, students will be exposed to personal fitness training programs; virtual reality aided learning; online and digital learning in every space – even outside.

There will be an increasing expectation of the production of student work. Not simply recording information in a book, assessment of learning will go far beyond simple testing and students will be expected to help set their own personalised learning path as they work towards their individual goals.

We at Picton High School are very thankful for this opportunity to take our students to the next level. We hope the whole community can take advantage of the opportunities which will come from this endeavour and, as always, work together towards the growth of our young people.



Warren Parkes
Relieving Principal, Picton High School

New school facilities completed

Today, on Day 1 Term 2, students will begin using their new school buildings.

Permanent facilities opening today include:

- new classrooms and flexible learning spaces to accommodate 1,500 students
- new administration area
- new library
- special education facilities
- new kitchen and commercial hospitality facilities
- new performing arts and PE facilities
- covered outdoor learning areas
- safety improvements to the bus and car drop-off area.

We will be finalising the remainder of the school upgrade works during 2021. This includes completing the sports field, landscaping, and hall.

Further information provided overleaf.



New seminar room with digital technologies

Getting to school

Key information on pedestrian and vehicular access to the new school facilities is outlined below.

School entrance

All entry to the school is now via the main gate on Argyle Street.

Pedestrian access

Pedestrians access to the school is via the stairs at Argyle Street.

Bus stop

Buses will drop-off and pick-up students at the new bus stop located on Argyle Street.

Kiss and drop zone

The kiss and drop zone is located adjacent to Building H at the southern end of Argyle Street.

Parking

Visitors must use local on-street parking. There is no on-site parking for school visitors.

Access

Accessibility provisions include ramps, tactile indicators, expansive footpaths and a new lift in Building E leading to the upper floor areas.

Traffic management

Traffic management will be in place on Argyle Street to assist pedestrians and to direct cars for the first few days of Term 2.

For the safety of our community, please be mindful of the new arrangements.



LEGEND

- New building
- Refurbished building
- New covered walkway
- Existing covered walkway
- School boundary
- Pedestrian entry and exit off Argyle Street
- P Student entry
- C Kiss & drop zone
- B Bus zone

- 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:** 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 semi-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:** Storage
- BUILDING K:** Agriculture shed



Frequently asked questions

Where do I go on Day 1 Term 2?

Staff will be waiting to guide students to the assembly point for their year group.

What works are yet to be finalised?

We will finalise the remainder of the school upgrade during 2021. Remaining works include:

- upgraded hall
- upgraded technology
- applied science and automotive workshops
- upgraded bus shelter
- new agriculture shed
- landscaping, including sports oval.

We will provide regular progress updates as this work is completed.

Can I still enter the school via Wonga Road?

No, the Wonga Road entry is now closed. All access is via Argyle Street.



For a **Translation and Interpreting Service**, call **131 450** and ask them to call the Department of Education - School Infrastructure NSW on **1300 482 651**.

Will the Agricultural Plot be accessible?

Yes, the school will have access to the Agricultural plot.

How will you minimise construction impacts on students?

Hoarding and fencing will be in place where required to separate work areas from the operation of the school site and ensure the safety of staff and students.

Contact us

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