



Artist impression of the Queanbeyan High School upgrade

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Term 1 holiday works

April 2020

Investing in our schools

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.

Queanbeyan High School

We recognise the growing needs for students in Queanbeyan and surrounding communities to learn in the latest education facilities.

We are upgrading Queanbeyan High School to deliver eight refurbished learning spaces, two spaces devoted to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) including a human movement studio and STEM studio, new food technology and hospitality facilities, new covered outdoor learning area (COLA), resurfaced sports courts, a new entrance

including new administration and staff facilities, landscaping and accessibility works.

Project Work Hours and term 1 holidays

School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020. This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules while on construction sites by distributing building work across the week.

At this stage of the project, our working days and hours will now be Monday to Friday 7:00am – 05:30pm, and Saturday 7:00am–3:00pm and with the option of work being completed on Sundays. The project team will have an Easter break from Thursday 9 April resuming work at 7:00am Wednesday the 15 April 2020.

School Infrastructure NSW will further 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.

Term 1 school holiday works

Works will continue during the term 1 school holidays.

We will be continuing construction work internally and externally on Building A, external works to the basketball courts, erection of external walkways, awnings and associated stormwater and concrete works.

Cranes and other heavy vehicles may still be in use over this period, however this should be lessening.

You may hear noise created by usual construction activities including machinery such as grinders and handsaws, concrete pours and movement of plant machinery.

All efforts will be made to minimise noise as much as possible.

Social Distancing on School Infrastructure Work

Sites

School Infrastructure NSW and the contractor need to operate within strict accordance of the NSW Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020 that is relevant to construction sites.

Guided by the most up to date NSW Public Health Order, the contractor has and continues to maintain 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.

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 important projects for the Queanbeyan community.

Changes to how we communicate

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.

Why we are making changes

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.

Keep in touch

The SINSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project in your area. You can also continue to contact us via our community information line and email on the details below.

For more information contact:

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