



Artist impression of Richmond High School upgrade

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## Project update

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### 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 Richmond High School – Richmond Agricultural College, which includes establishing an Agriculture Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) selective stream and an Agriculture STEM speciality stream. The project will deliver:

- new Agricultural STEM building with four science labs, preparation and collaboration spaces
- refurbishment of two science labs and ten classrooms
- refurbishment works in Building 1, Building 6 and Building 7 (and minor works in other buildings across the School Site).

### Progress summary

Main works are progressing at Richmond High School, with Block 1 refurbishment works near completion. Classroom refurbishment across Blocks 6 and 7 are continuing while teaching and learning continues in these areas. This has been planned with the school leadership to work around the school timetable and curriculum and aims to minimise impacts as much as possible.

The construction of the new STEM building (Building 8) is advancing, with a new roof installed, façade works underway, and internal fitout works currently in the early stages of fitout. The STEM building will support a new Agricultural STEM specialist stream, and these facilities will support a new Agricultural STEM selective stream that the High-Performance unit will manage.

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### **Next steps**

- Works are progressing towards final stages of completion at Blocks 1, 6 and 7.
- Construction of disabled ramp linking Block 8 (STEM) and Block 9.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2022. We will continue to keep the community updated on progress.

## **Frequently asked questions**

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### **How will dust and noise be managed during construction?**

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels will be managed in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Noise will be kept to a minimum as best as possible during the construction, and dust as a result of demolition and excavation will be hosed as required. Trucks making deliveries to the site will have their loads covered. The site will undergo air monitoring during inground works and noise and dust will be appropriately managed throughout construction in accordance with the project's consent conditions.

### **How will site remediation be managed during construction?**

The site will be safely remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Management Plans and Safe Work NSW regulations. This work may involve the removal of materials, or the safe covering of the ground with specialist methods in accordance with the Remediation Action Plan.

The work will be completed by licenced remediation experts and would be monitored in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The contractor is responsible for monitoring and ensuring all guidelines are being adhered to, working closely with SINSW.

### **How will traffic impacts be managed during construction?**

Construction traffic will access the site through the West Market Street entrance. It may also be required for construction vehicles to exit the site onto Lennox Street. All construction pedestrian access will be via the pedestrian gate entrance from West Market Street. There will be a full-time traffic controller stationed at the West Market Street entrance to ensure vehicles are entering and exiting the site safely.

Construction and school traffic will be kept separate at all times and there will be no construction traffic permitted during school drop-off/pick-up times. For the duration of the construction, all school traffic will be directed to Lennox Street.

### **How will school functions operate during construction?**

The project and its construction have been designed to ensure there is minimal impact on the school, including any school functions that may be held during this time. There will be regular consultation with the school to discuss any functions that may operate, and measures will be put in place to ensure construction impacts are minimised.

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# Map of Richmond High School upgrade construction work



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