



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

Design of an upgrade at Richmond High School - Richmond Agricultural College is underway, which includes establishing an Agriculture STEM Selective stream and an Agriculture STEM Speciality stream at the school.

We will deliver a new STEM (science, technology, environment and maths) building with a focus on agricultural education.

These facilities will support a new Agricultural STEM Specialist stream, which will be assessed through a rigorous selection process based on a portfolio and interview to determine student interest and potential in agricultural education. In addition, these facilities will support a new Agricultural STEM Selective stream that will be managed by the High-Performance unit.

### Progress summary

Detailed design is currently underway, in close consultation with the school leadership team.

Work is underway to appoint an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) contractor to support the completion of the design phase and prepare for construction.

### Next steps

The project will seek development approval through the Complying Development Certificate (CDC) and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) pathways.

Construction will start once a main works contractor has been appointed, planning is finalised and statutory approval provided.

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## Frequently asked questions

### What is a Complying Development Certificate (CDC)?

Complying development is a planning pathway that combines planning and construction approval for a straightforward development that can be determined through a fast-track assessment by a council or an accredited certifier.

The new STEM building meets the complying development criteria for location, height, area, use and construction value.

### What is a Review of Environmental Factors (REF)?

A REF is an environmental assessment that examines the potential environmental impacts of a proposed development and the measures required to reduce adverse impacts to the environment.

### How long does the CDC pathway take?

The expected timeframe to gain statutory approval through the CDC pathway is different for each project. We will keep you up to date as the project progresses.

### How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us.

For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 1300 482 651.

### Indicative timeline



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