



Artist impression of the Richmond High School Upgrade

Richmond High School upgrade

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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

School Infrastructure NSW will soon start construction on the Richmond High School – Richmond Agricultural College upgrade, 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, engineering and maths) building with a focus on agricultural education. In addition, we will also be undertaking refurbishment works in Building 1, Building 6 and Building 7 (along with some minor works in other school buildings).

The new STEM facility 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 of the upgrade has been endorsed by the Project Control Group (PCG), a project governance group made up of the project team, subject matter experts and the Principal representing Richmond High School.

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Statutory approval has been received for the project to proceed.

A construction contract has been awarded to Richard Crookes Construction to build the upgrade at Richmond High School.

Main works construction will start on Monday 1 November 2021. Initial construction activities will include site fencing and sheds being put up, work on service connections (e.g. water and power), demolition within Building 6 and civil earthworks. A Works Notification has been issued to the community with further details of site establishment and work commencing.

Next steps

Main works construction will continue at Richmond High School. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2022. We will continue to keep the community updated on progress.

Frequently asked questions

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 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.

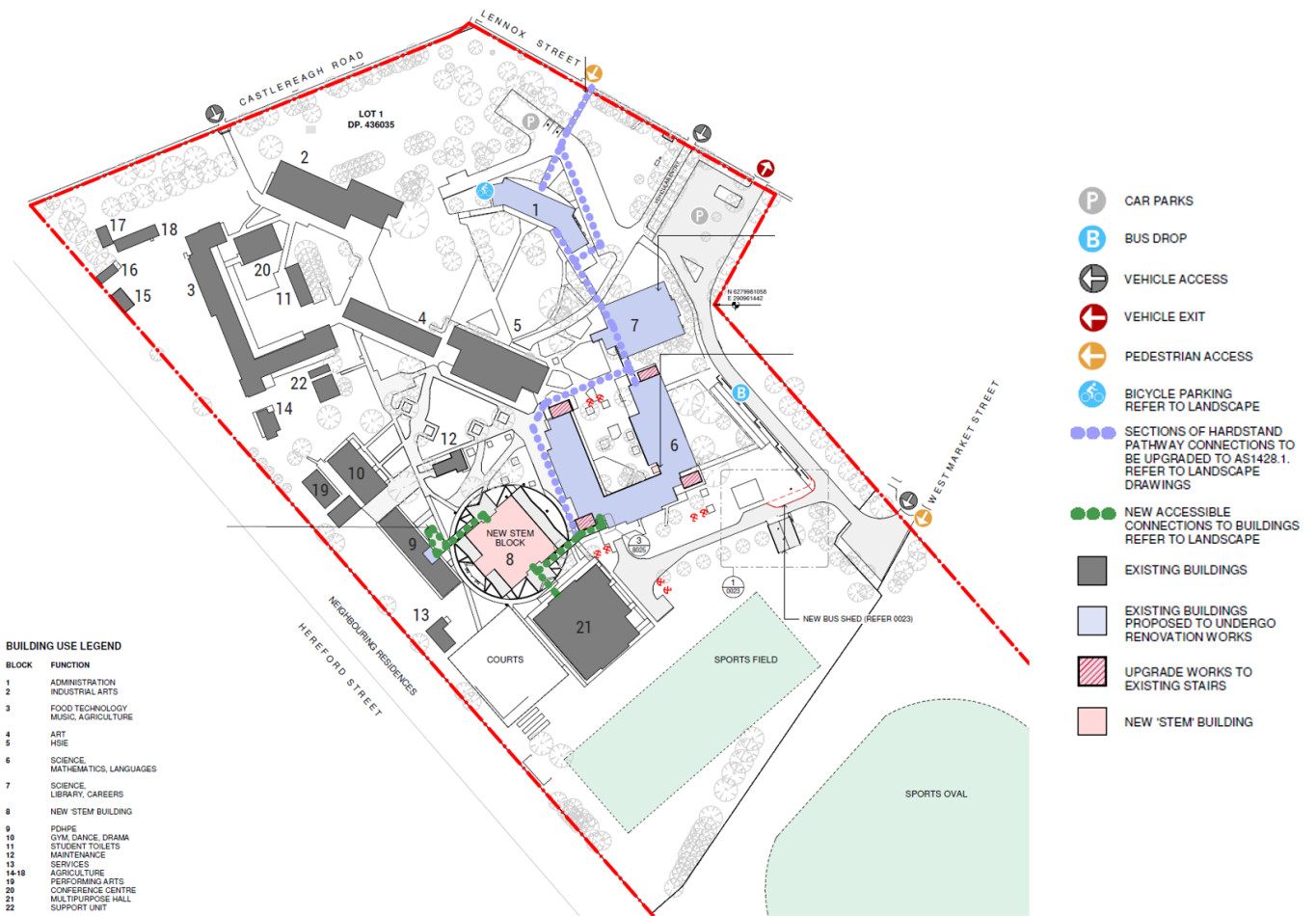
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How will school functions operate during construction?

The project and its construction has 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.

Map of Richmond High School upgrade construction work



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