



Artist impression of the VET facilities

# Seven Hills High School: VET Upgrade

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## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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

The upgrade of Seven Hills High School will provide new specialist vocational education and training (VET) facilities as part of the NSW Government Vocational Schools Pilot Projects Initiative. This initiative was established as part of a 2019 election commitment to provide up to \$34 million to build specialist training facilities at two existing high schools in Western Sydney and the North Coast.

The pilot project aims to provide students with the skills, support and access to trades and vocational pathways to enable them to succeed in the 21st century. The proposed vocational facilities will primarily focus on the following industry areas:

- Human Services
- Construction (Electrotechnology and Plumbing)
- Supply Chain (Logistics)
- Business and Financial Services
- Entertainment (Live Production and Technical Services).

## Naming of school/ VET facility

A survey took place in late 2022 inviting the broader community to vote on a proposed new name for the new specialist vocational education and training (VET) facilities at Seven Hills High School. As a result of this community consultation, the new facilities will be named the Vocational Innovation Centre.



The community also voted on a new by-line for the school to highlight the new VET facilities at the school while retaining the unique identity and history of the school. The school will now be known as Seven Hills High School – A Vocational Education Pathways School.

### Progress summary

Construction to deliver the new specialist VET facilities is progressing well. The first section of the main building slab has been poured and reinforcement steel is in place. Drainage works and construction of the retaining wall are nearly finished. Construction has also started on the on-Site detention (OSD) tank structure. The OSD tank will control the flow of stormwater from within the VET facility basin into the local stormwater system and recycle rainwater for gardening and toilet flushing. The contractor has also started putting in mains and cables including electrical services for the building.

### Next steps

The next steps for works at Seven Hills High School include:

- pouring of the final section of the main building concrete slab
- delivery and erection of the main structural steel frame and roof
- cladding of the external façade
- forming of the driveway, footpath, and carpark in preparation for the concrete pour
- ordering of furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the finished building.

### Working hours

Working hours are Monday to Saturday, 7 am to 5 pm. No work will occur on Sundays or public holidays, unless otherwise advised.

### More information

For more information about this project use the QR code or visit [schoolinfrastructure.nsw.edu.au](http://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.edu.au) and search for Seven Hills High School VET upgrade.

