



Tweed Heads South Public School

Project update

April 2020

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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. 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

Tweed Heads South Public School will be upgraded to provide new permanent teaching spaces and core facilities. The scope of work includes a redeveloped school entry, a new library, new Out Of School Hours care facilities, 11 new learning spaces and improved playground and outdoor spaces.

Progress summary

The scope of work and concept designs for the upgrade were presented to the school community at information sessions held in early March 2020.

A contractor has been appointed to deliver an early works package (Stage 1). Early works will commence in April 2020 and be complete by mid-2020. The scope of early works includes remodelling of the school entry and new canteen.

Next steps

- Finalise schematic designs
- Finalise planning pathway
- Tender process for main works (Stage 2)

Term 1 school holiday works

Early works will commence during the Term 1 school holidays. Activities will include installation of temporary construction fencing, demolition of the existing canteen and removal of pavement.

The works will involve removal of bonded asbestos ceilings from an existing building. Notification will be provided prior to removal of asbestos.

We are here to make sure this work is carried out safely and efficiently. During this time we will be working collaboratively with the school community and neighbours to ensure disruptions are minimised.

What are the construction working hours?

Works will take place between 6:30am and 6:00pm, Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.

At this stage there are no plans to work on Sundays, public holidays or over the Easter weekend. The community will be kept informed of any changes to standard working hours.

What safety measures will be in place?

The health and safety of the community is our highest priority. School Infrastructure NSW works closely with contractors to ensure all construction sites are managed in accordance with industry best practice safety and risk management processes and procedures. Temporary fencing will be installed around the construction site to secure the area and prevent public access.

How will asbestos removal be managed?

Removal and remediation of any hazardous materials, including asbestos, will be managed in accordance with the NSW Department of Education Asbestos Management Plan and Safe Work NSW.

All work will be undertaken by licensed and accredited asbestos removalists and occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Notifications will be distributed prior to the start of any remediation works and no asbestos will be removed during school hours.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

Where necessary the contractor will implement noise and dust control measures in accordance with the approved Construction Management Plan.

Dust is minimised with shade cloth and by ensuring all vehicles exiting the site are clean. Dust is also controlled by spraying water during earth works.

How will traffic and parking be managed?

The volume of vehicle and truck movements associated with early works is expected to be less significant than vehicle and bus movements during a normal school day.

Contractor's staff will park on site within the Tweed Heads South Public School carpark during the holiday period to eliminate the need for street parking.

Traffic management, including traffic controllers, will be in place if required for the safety of students, staff, the local community and workers. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

What is being done to protect Aboriginal heritage?

School Infrastructure NSW is working with a qualified heritage consultant and the local Aboriginal community to identify and protect Aboriginal heritage artefacts that may be located within areas of the school that will be impacted by the upgrade.

An initial site inspection has been completed and we are awaiting the outcomes of that process.

What is the planning and approval process for this project?

The early works will be delivered as a complying development. We are yet to finalise the planning pathway for the remainder of the project. Once that is determined we will provide further information to the community.

When will we find out more about the rest of the upgrade?

We are still finalising schematic designs in consultation with the Principal, staff and other school users. We will continue to provide project updates as the project progresses.

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