



Artist impression of new facilities

Tweed River High School

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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

Tweed River High School is being upgraded to provide new permanent teaching spaces and core facilities, as well as vocational education facilities. The upgrade will provide new and refurbished learning spaces, a new library, a new senior learning environment, a new, larger capacity school support unit, vocational education and training (VET) facilities for construction, hospitality and primary industries, and relocation and enhancement of performing arts facilities and learning spaces.

Progress summary

Works to upgrade Tweed River High School have been impacted by the floods in Northern NSW. While construction at Tweed River High School was not directly impacted by floodwaters, the flooding in Northern NSW has had a considerable impact on our work in the region and will do for some time.

The flooding has placed additional stress on the construction market, reducing the capacity while increasing the demand. Many of our staff, subcontractors and suppliers have been affected personally including loss of business.

As such our contractor has revised the program of works for the remainder of the upgrade to continue works while operating at reduced capacity.

The program of works for Tweed River High School over the coming months will include ongoing works on Building F which will deliver a new senior student learning space, art rooms and library space.

Construction of the new Vocational Education and Training (VET) facilities is also being prioritised to support the delivery of this new curriculum. VET facilities will include:

- New VET hospitality kitchen and bistro
- New VET Construction facilities including outdoor covered workshop
- New VET agriculture and primary industries facilities including a glass house
- New teaching facilities for subjects such as business and retail

Innovative Vocational Education Program

Innovative Vocational Education Program at Tweed River High School coming in 2023. The new specialist vocational education facilities are being built at the school as part of the NSW Government Vocational Schools Initiative.

This innovative project will mean that Tweed River High School students will have broader access to specialist courses in industry standard, purpose-built facilities in range of areas including hospitality, construction, primary industries, sports coaching and business services in addition to the school's existing industry standard training facilities for metals and engineering already on site.

The aim of these courses is to inspire students, maximise the engagement in learning and develop practical skills across industry sectors to support local employment and career opportunities for our students. The courses will give students flexible curriculum options including School based Traineeships and apprenticeships aimed at maximising their employability skills.

Courses will be built around industry partnerships to maximise contact with local businesses, employment opportunities and career pathways. Tweed River High School is now planning to develop these important employer and industry partnerships, through collaboration with key local industry bodies.

These exciting courses will be available in 2023. For more information about this VET Pathways project at Tweed River High School please contact Mr B Mackney – VET Co-ordinator through the school admin office on: (07) 5524 3007 or tweedriver-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Next steps

We will continue to keep the community updated on anticipated timeframes for the completion of the remainder of the upgrade, and as the project progresses. We thank the community for your understanding and patience while we deliver the Tweed River High School upgrade.