



Artist impression of VET Music and Business Services spaces

# Tweed River High School

Project update

October 2022

## 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

We are upgrading Tweed River High School to provide new and refurbished teaching and learning spaces. New specialised industry specific facilities will also be built at the school as part of the NSW Government Vocational Schools Initiative. The integrated scope of work for the school includes:



**New and refurbished learning spaces**



**A new library**



**New special education facilities**



**New senior learning precinct**



**New and refurbished Science facilities**



**Specialist vocational education facilities**

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### Vocational Schools Pilot Program

The Vocational Schools Pilot is a state election commitment to establish high quality Vocational Education and Training (VET) facilities. Tweed River High School has been selected as one of the two pilot schools. The pilot aims to ensure students are provided with a world-class education that provides pathways to apprenticeships, traineeships and post-school employment. This is a unique opportunity to pilot a new and innovative educational model for the NSW Government. The aim of the VET courses is to inspire students, provide context to their learning and maximise their engagement through the development of practical skills in industry sectors that support local employment and career opportunities. Students will also develop ongoing skills and attitudes that are transferable across a range of industry sectors.

The Vocational Schools Pilot Program will support young people in building the skills and expertise necessary to succeed in a range of local industries into the future.

The school will offer a broad range of industry-based courses and specialised training for students, who will be able to include both traditional subjects and vocational qualifications in their patterns of study. Students will also be able to access school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) that combine paid work, training, and school.

Students will be able to gain industry recognised national qualifications while studying their Higher School Certificate (HSC) and/or preparing for university entrance.

The courses which will initially be available to Tweed River High School students through the pilot will include business services, construction, hospitality, agriculture, music industry, manufacturing and engineering, sports coaching and information and digital technology. These courses are available in addition to HSC courses offered in more traditional subjects.

### Have your say

As part of the Vocational Schools Pilot Program, the Department of Education has been consulting with the school leadership teams and key stakeholders in the community and industry to develop a by-line that captures the focus of the extended vocational opportunities for students, and helps to foster a sense of pride, ownership and awareness of the expanded program and facilities.

To answer our survey and help choose the by-line scan the QR code or visit [edu.nsw.link/TRHSsurvey](https://edu.nsw.link/TRHSsurvey).



The survey will be open to the school and broader community until 11 November 2022.

### Construction of new Vocational Education and Training facilities

Construction is beginning on the new VET facilities in October 2022. These facilities include:

- **Technology and Applied Studies and Construction** which will contain a construction workshop, design and planning learning spaces and new storage areas.
- **Performing Arts** which will contain a music workshop, two general learning spaces, two seminar rooms and a staff study.
- **Hospitality and Business Centre** which will include a commercial kitchen, a business training centre and a staff study.
- **Agriculture** which includes an agriculture and primary industries workshop, an outdoor covered workshop, a glass house, storage, and water collection tanks.

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Artist impression of VET Hospitality – Commercial kitchen, Bistro spaces and business service spaces

### Progress summary on Tweed River High School upgrades underway

Works on Building F East were completed in late July and new senior learning spaces, art rooms and a career's office are now in use by the school.



Art room



Senior learning spaces

Work is progressing on the ground floor of Building F South. This new library space will include seminar rooms, an exhibition space and a covered outdoor learning area. Works are due to be finished late this month.

We thank the community for your ongoing understanding and patience while we deliver the Tweed River High School upgrade.

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