



Artist impression of library terrace

Tweed River High 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 River High School will be upgraded to provide new permanent teaching spaces and core facilities.

Progress summary

Initial concept designs for the upgrade were presented to the school community at information sessions held in early March 2020.

The design team has refined the concept designs based on feedback received. Schematic designs are being finalised in consultation with the Principal, staff and other school users.

Early works

Concurrently, a contractor has been engaged 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 refurbishment of some existing learning spaces and refurbishment of the existing canteen.

Next steps

- Finalise schematic designs in consultation with Principal, staff and other school users
- 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, strip out of the existing canteen, removal of steel gates and screens in the canteen precinct, and demolition of a construction workshop.

The works will involve removal of bonded asbestos from the canteen. Notification will be provided prior to removal of asbestos.

Why are early works starting while designs for the upgrade are still being finalised?

The early works are limited to refurbishment of some existing learning spaces and the existing canteen. These works are being delivered as a standalone project so we can continue to refine the design of the broader upgrade while early works are taking place.

How are you responding to feedback regarding the initial concept designs?

Our design team have made adjustments to the initial concept designs based on feedback received during the first round of consultation. A second round of user group consultation sessions is being conducted to seek feedback on the updated concept designs and finalise schematic designs.

Will learning spaces be improved and air conditioned?

The project will deliver a range of new learning environments across the school and our design team is exploring what can be done within the approved funding to improve existing learning spaces. The outcomes of this process are still being determined. All new or refurbished learning spaces will be air conditioned and where spaces have air conditioning already, this will be maintained.

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 hazardous materials be managed?

Should hazardous materials, including asbestos, be identified on site, removal and remediation 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 River High School carpark during the holiday period to eliminate the need for street parking.

What is the planning and approval process for this project?

The early works are being delivered as a complying development. We are yet to finalise the planning pathway for the remainder of the project.

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

As the project progresses we will continue to share information with the community through project updates, website updates, works notifications and other information sharing opportunities.

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