



Artist impression of the Tweed River High School

# 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, sports coaching and primary industries, and relocation and enhancement of performing arts facilities and learning spaces.

## Progress summary

Works have been completed on the refurbishment and re-roofing of Block L to provide new science laboratories and general learning areas including a computer room. The ground floor has now been handed over, with a new marine studies and aquaculture room being enjoyed by staff and students. The remaining floor of Block L is scheduled to be handed over to the school by late 2021. These works were able to proceed under the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) planning pathway.

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Further to this, the schematic design of the vocational education and performing arts facilities have been finalised as a part of the Main Works program. More information on what the Vocational Education Program at Tweed River is provided below.

### **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-ord. through the school admin office on:

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### **Next steps**

Following ongoing consultation with Tweed Shire Council, the Development Application (DA) for Main Works is anticipated to be received in mid-December. Main works will deliver the new vocational and education training (VET) facilities for Tweed River High School.

### **Summer Holidays Work**

Works will continue throughout the school holidays, to ensure we can maximise delivery while students are not on site. The worksite will be shut down from Friday 24 December, 2020 to Friday 7 January, 2021 line with the Christmas break.

We will keep the community informed as this work progresses.

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