



Artist impression of the new Technology and Applied Studies building

# Tweed River High School

## Project update

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### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 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 scope of work includes:

- 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
- Relocation and enhancement of performing arts facilities and learning spaces.

### Progress summary

Internal refurbishment of Block K to provide a new, larger capacity support unit for the school, has commenced.

The concept design for the VET facilities proposed at the school has now been finalised as shown overleaf.

The Development Application (DA) for the main scope of work has now been lodged with Tweed Shire Council and is now on public exhibition on the council website – reference DA21/0312.

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been conducted to enable some aspects of the main works to progress while the DA is being assessed.

### Next steps

- Install temporary learning spaces to allow the school to vacate buildings that will be refurbished or redeveloped as part of the upgrade.
- Commence construction, subject to necessary planning approvals.

### Stay informed

The SINSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project. Your feedback is important to us. For more information, to ask a question or make a comment, please email us at: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au).

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## **Vocational Education and Training (VET) facilities**

In August 2020, the NSW Government announced new specialist vocational education facilities at Tweed River High School, in addition to the original school upgrade project.

Through consultation with the school it was determined that the industry focus areas for VET at Tweed River High School will be construction, hospitality and primary industries. The facilities required to deliver industry standard courses were included in an integrated master plan for the school.

The concept design for VET facilities has now been completed based on close consultation with school representatives.

### **Construction**

Vocational education facilities for construction will be provided in Building 1 – the new Technology and Applied Studies building. Facilities will include:

- Construction workshops
- An outdoor covered workshop
- Material stores
- A design and planning general learning space intended to support 3D printing, robotics and other forms of technology-enabled design learning.

### **Primary industries**

The upgrade will add to the existing agriculture spaces to deliver facilities suitable for vocational education in primary industries. Facilities will include:

- A new agriculture shed including a workshop and covered area (Building 4)
- A new glass house (Building 5).

### **Performing arts**

The project will also provide a new location for the existing performing arts learning spaces which are being displaced from Block K to make way for the new, larger capacity school support unit.

The spaces will be located in a new building (Building 2) which will be constructed adjacent to the existing gymnasium.

### **Hospitality**

Industry-standard vocational education facilities for hospitality will be provided in Building 3. Facilities will include:

- Hospitality kitchen
- Internal and external servery area with coffee making facilities
- Indoor and outdoor bistros
- Pantry, laundry and preparation area
- Hospitality staff room.

### **Business centre**

Building 3 will also include a business centre and hospitality learning spaces.

The design of these spaces features a combination of operable walls and glass sliding walls so the area will be flexible for use as individual classrooms, co-teaching classrooms, or a connected, larger space.



*Artist impression of the VET hospitality area.*

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