

# Tweed River High School Upgrade

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Artist impression of the Tweed River High School upgrade

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

We are upgrading Tweed River High School to provide new and refurbished teaching and learning spaces and core facilities. New specialist vocational education 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



Expanded school support unit.



New senior learning environment



Specialist vocational education facilities

# Progress summary

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## Early works

Early works to enhance the student canteen and extend and refurbish learning spaces in J and R Blocks, were finished in late 2020.

## Integrated master plan

In August 2020 the NSW Government announced that Tweed River High School would receive a vocational schools upgrade in addition to the original school upgrade project. Funding has also been allocated to create a larger capacity school support unit to meet increased demand for student places.

We have now developed an integrated master plan for all work that will take place at Tweed River High School, including:

- the main upgrade works
- expanded school support unit
- provision of new vocational education and training (VET) facilities.

## Main upgrade works

A construction contractor has been appointed for the project and is now working with the school to finalise the detailed design for the main upgrade works.

## School support unit

The tender for extension of Block K to provide a larger school support unit has now closed.

## VET facilities

Through consultation with the school it has been determined that the industry focus areas for VET at Tweed River High School will be construction, hospitality and agriculture. The facilities required to deliver industry standard courses have been identified and included in the integrated master plan. We are currently working through the concept design process for the VET facilities in consultation with the principal and staff.

## Statutory planning

The Development Application (DA) for the school support unit has been lodged with Tweed Shire Council and we are awaiting development consent. The DA for the remainder of the project will be lodged in the coming months. We are also conducting a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) which will enable us to progress some aspects of the project while the DA is being assessed.

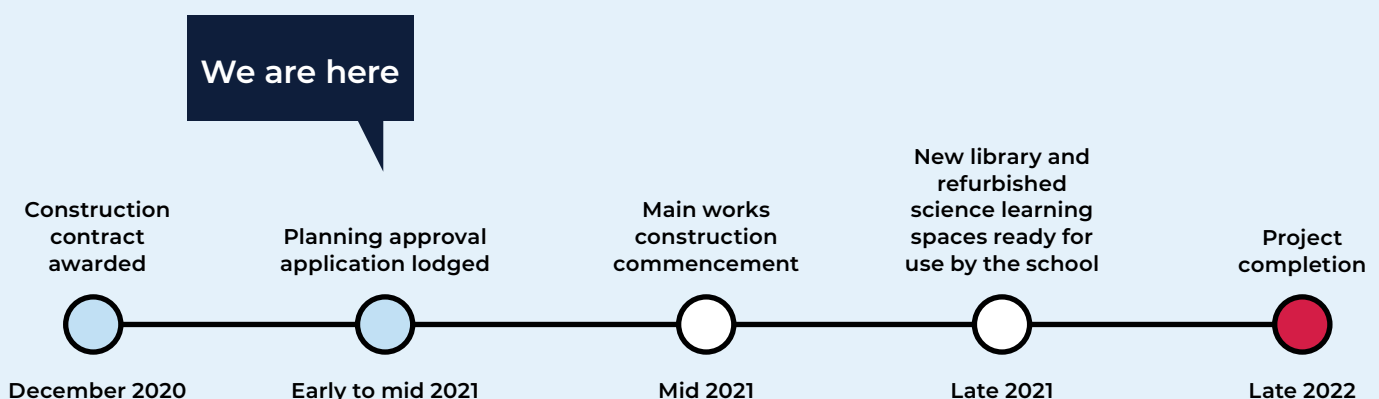
# Project schedule

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The timeline for completion of the upgrade has been extended to cater for additional time needed to integrate VET facilities into the overall design. It is anticipated that the upgrade of Tweed River High School will now be completed by late 2022. To ensure the school gains the benefits of new facilities as soon as possible, the upgrade will be delivered progressively. In addition to the early works already completed, further new facilities will be ready for use by the school in late 2021, with the remainder being ready for use throughout 2022.

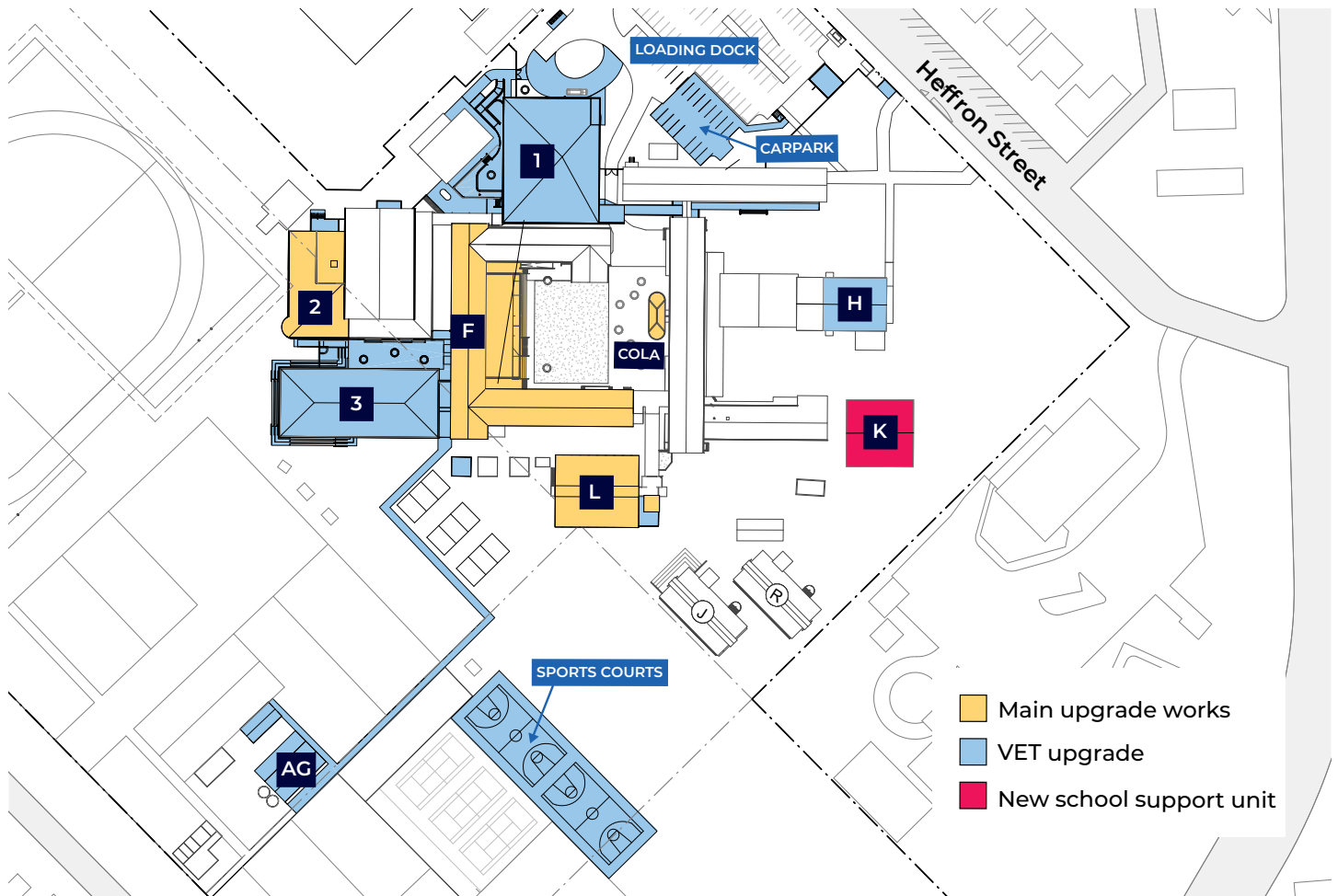
# Project timeline

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# Integrated master plan

The integrated master plan below shows all new construction and refurbishment proposed at the school.



## Building 1: Technology and Applied Studies (main upgrade works) and Construction (VET)

- New construction VET workshop
- New TAS workshop
- New design and planning VET learning spaces
- New storage areas

## Building 2: Performing arts

- New performance workshop connected to the existing gymnasium
- New learning spaces, seminar rooms and staff study

## Building 3: Hospitality and Business Centre

- New commercial kitchen for hospitality VET
- New VET business training centre
- New amenities and staff study

## AG: Agriculture

- New agriculture and primary industries VET workshop
- New outdoor covered workshop
- New glass house, storage and water collection tanks

## Block F (west): Library and learning spaces

- Refurbishment of ground floor and addition of an extension to create a new library
- Refurbished learning spaces

## Block F (east): Senior learning area

- Refurbished learning spaces
- Seminar rooms
- New careers office

## Block K: School support unit

- Learning spaces and practical activities area
- New sensory rooms
- New outdoor learning and recreation areas
- New accessible amenities

## Block L: Science

- Refurbishment to provide new science learning spaces and laboratories

## Block H: Dance

- New location for existing dance studio



## Next steps

### Design

The newly appointed building contractor is working through a process to become familiarised with the project. The contractor will then work with the school to finalise the detailed design for the upgrade. This includes selection of fixtures, fittings and furniture.

### Construction

Over the coming months we will work with the building contractor to prepare for the commencement of the main construction works. This involves reviewing and agreeing the construction management and traffic management plans and identifying and putting in place strategies to manage any risks.

Construction is expected to commence in mid 2021, subject to the necessary planning approvals. The first step will be site establishment, followed by refurbishment of Block L to create new science learning spaces and laboratories.

## Stay informed

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

To stay up to date with opportunities for school communities to get involved in the project, visit the Tweed River High School project page on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

Your feedback is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au).

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