



Artist impression of Wee Waa High School

# Wee Waa High School redevelopment

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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.

We are in the process of designing a redevelopment of Wee Waa High School to provide upgraded facilities for the school community. The project will deliver:



New learning spaces



Modern core facilities including a library and multipurpose hall



New agricultural and environment centre



Sports fields and sports courts



New Indigenous Cultural Centre

## Progress summary

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In the September 2022 project update, we shared some factors with the community that have resulted in the expected finish date for the project being adjusted. Recent weather events have resulted in the program for delivery to be adjusted and it is now expected that the new facilities will be completed in mid 2023.

We have received planning approval for the project's State Significant Development application, and construction of the new school has started. Built Pty Ltd, the contractor conducting the early works component of the project have been appointed as the building contractor for the main construction works.

We're using a modern method of construction for the redevelopment and have begun manufacturing the walls and flooring systems for the school in a factory located in the Sydney suburb of Banksmeadow. Once the site is ready, these will be transported from the Banksmeadow factory to Wee Waa to be assembled by onsite contractors including local work force.

The masterplan of the new agricultural facilities is finished and the construction tender for the site will be released in the coming months. The masterplan was developed in consultation with the school's agriculture teacher, students and school leadership team.

## Next steps

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We have established the construction zone at the site of the new school on Mitchell Street and bulk earthworks and levelling of the site have begun. We will proceed with the ground works, which involve digging the trenches that will hold water drainage and sewer systems as well as inserting cables that will provide services like electricity and internet to the new school.

We will be assessing tender applications for the demolition and refurbishment works at the existing agricultural site on Purcell Avenue and expect to begin the works in early 2023.

## Connecting with Country

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Wee Waa students, and representatives from the local Gomeroi community have taken part in Connecting with Country workshops. These aimed to reflect Wee Waa's Gomeroi heritage and ancestral culture, within the new school's design.

Design works created by Wee Waa High School students have been transferred onto a larger scale screen. This screen will wrap around the main entry stairs. The symbols and colours of the screen reflect the local food sources and strong community links which were also the main themes raised during the Connecting with Country consultations.

Local language and stories will be weaved throughout the outside environment with native plants being a key element of the landscaping.

## Wee Waa High School design

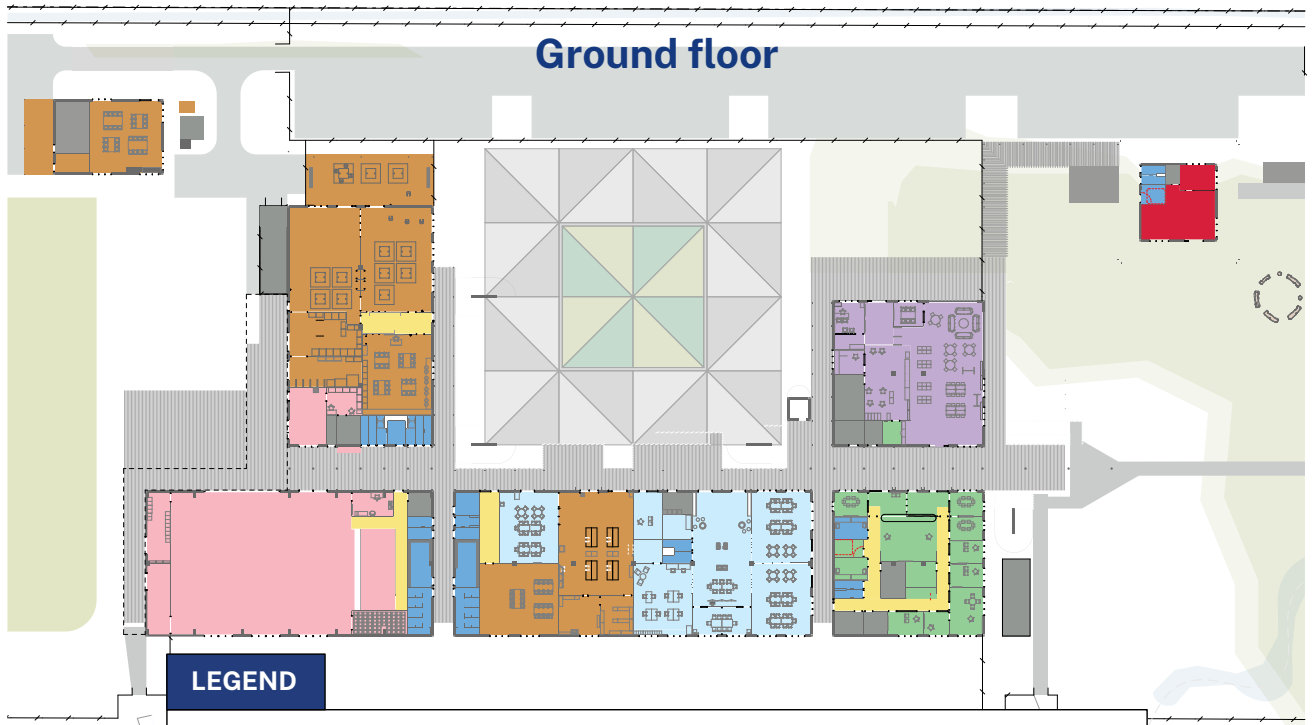
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The detailed design of the redeveloped high school provides students and the broader community with an asset that enhances the learning and sharing experiences for years to come.









The multipurpose hall will consist of a performing stage and gymnasium that extends to a covered outdoor learning facing the new canteen. The new hall and canteen as well as sports courts and fields will be available for community use in coordination with the school.

These learning environments feature space, furniture and technology that support greater collaboration and improved learning outcomes. Flexibility also helps teachers provide a broad range of learning experiences, empower students to learn at their own pace and support their learning in different ways.

## Ground floor








### LEGEND

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|  Specialised learning spaces    |  Library                               |
|  Shared community spaces        |  Binaalbaar Indigenous Cultural Centre |
|  General learning spaces        |  Bathrooms                             |
|  School admin and staff rooms |  Covered outdoor area                |

## First floor



### LEGEND

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|  Specialised learning spaces  |  Bathrooms            |
|  General learning spaces      |  Covered outdoor area |
|  School admin and staff rooms |  |

# Agricultural learning centre

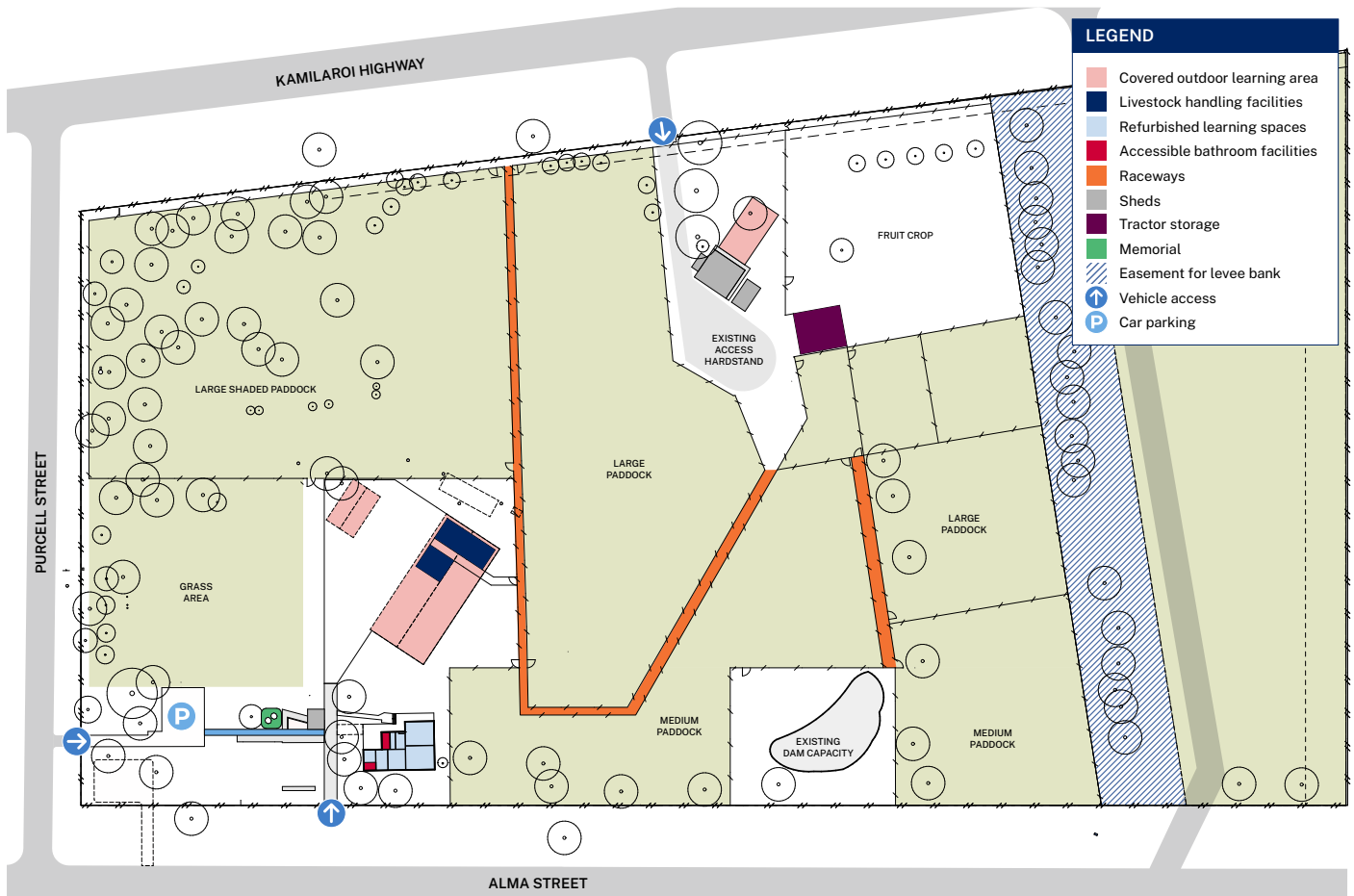
Wee Waa High School's agricultural education program is recognised in the region by students' achievements in agricultural shows across the district. The upgraded facilities will enhance the school's program by providing a hands on experience of working in the agricultural sector.

The refurbishment of the existing building I will provide an open learning space for students to conduct theory work, and have accessible bathroom and shower facilities for when students partake in hands on learning.

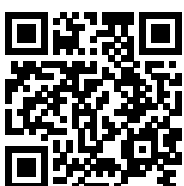
The covered outdoor learning area will compose of a livestock handling area where students will be able to learn cattle handling techniques and how to safely load cattle onto transportation when needed.

The paddocks at new facilities will be used for rotational grazing and managing livestock. The fruit crop garden will support the learning of sustainable farming practices.

The memorial garden is being relocated to the entrance of the school to increase access and integration with the rest of the facilities.



## Stay informed



We thank the community for your support as we embark on this exciting project. For more information please visit the Wee Waa High School redevelopment page on the link below or by scanning the QR code.

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