



Indicative artist impression of the new Wee Waa High School

Wee Waa High School redevelopment

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Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a historic \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education. The 2023-24 Budget committed funding to continue work on the permanent Wee Waa High School.

Project overview

The project to redevelop Wee Waa High School will deliver new classrooms and core facilities, including a library and multipurpose hall, a new agricultural and environment centre, sports fields and sports courts, as well as a new Indigenous Cultural Centre.

Progress update and next steps

We are very close to completing the final works at the new Wee Waa High School site and handing over the new buildings as well as some external areas of the school ready to welcome students for day 1 Term 2.

We have built all the internal walls and ceilings and are currently installing cabinetry, flooring, tiles, taps and toilets. On the exterior of the school, we have fitted balustrades, covered walkways and fences, and have begun landscaping works. Some external works at the school will continue including works at the school oval and some landscaping, all areas where ongoing works continue will be inaccessible to students and staff until handed over to the school later this year.

Works outside of the school site have continued, with the kerb and gutter being installed along Mitchell Street and the backfilling of Charles and George Street continuing. We are receiving deliveries of equipment and furniture and will continue to meet with the school regularly to coordinate the handover process. We will continue to run training sessions with school staff on the operation of new equipment and technology installed at the new school.

Architectural and landscape modification

The Department has lodged a request to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to propose architectural and landscape changes in line with design development.

The proposal has been placed on public exhibition until Monday 22 April. For more information or have your say please visit the following link <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-wee-waa-hs-mod-1-architectural-and-landscape-changes>.

Agricultural site update

The department has reviewed the feasibility of the proposed plan to maintain some of the existing school site on Purcell Avenue for the purpose of agricultural studies. During this process, we have consulted with the school to ensure that the operational needs for the school's agricultural program are catered for.

We will provide an update on what these facilities will look like early next term.

Frequently Asked Questions

How and when will the transition of students to the new facilities take place?

The last day of school in Term 1 will be held at the existing temporary site. During the April school holidays, remaining equipment and resources for the new school will be delivered, and students will start learning from their new school on Day 1 Term 2.

When will the works outside of the existing site be finished?

We are close to completing the works along George Street and Charles Street as well as the kerb and new footpath installation along Mitchell Street. These works are expected to be complete in time for Day 1 Term 2.

When will the future of the Purcell Avenue site be determined?

Over the coming months, the department will be investigating options for the future of the site. We will keep the community informed about these options as more information becomes available.

Are the COLAS or any parts of the existing building up for sale?

All existing covered outdoor learning areas and shade structure at the existing school will be relocated to the redeveloped agricultural site on Purcell Avenue. At this stage there is no intention to sell any parts of the existing buildings.

Will any equipment be moved from the existing temporary school to the new school?

No equipment or resources will be transported from the existing school to the new school and the existing temporary buildings will remain at the site of Wee Waa Public School until students are settled in their new facilities. The department is working to develop a plan to remove the temporary facilities and the community will be informed once a date is confirmed.

We thank the community of Wee Waa for your patience as we complete this final stage of the project.

For more information, visit the Wee Waa HS project page by going to <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/> or by following the QR code.

