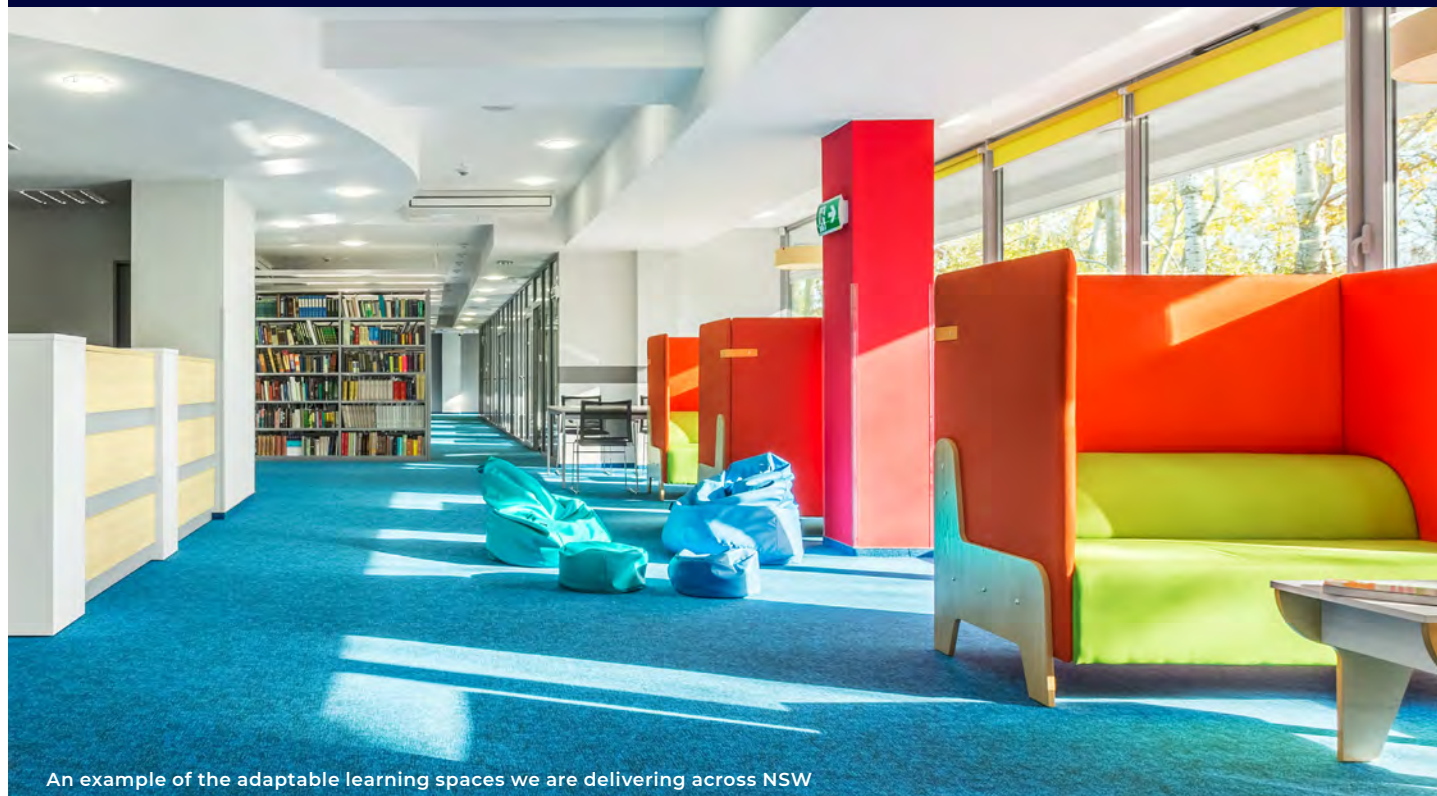


Hilltops Library and Community Facility

November 2018



An example of the adaptable learning spaces we are delivering across NSW

School Infrastructure NSW and Hilltops Council are planning a new joint use library and community facility for Young High School and the Hilltops community. The facility will be located on school land and integrated with Carrington Park.

The plans comprise a building of up to three levels including

A LIBRARY

with reading areas, video conferencing, multipurpose workshop, computer lab, youth wellbeing hub, coffee bar and a Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre.

The NSW Government and Hilltops Council are working in partnership to plan, fund and deliver the project and recently signed a

Heads of Agreement

outlining design principles, facility use and governance.

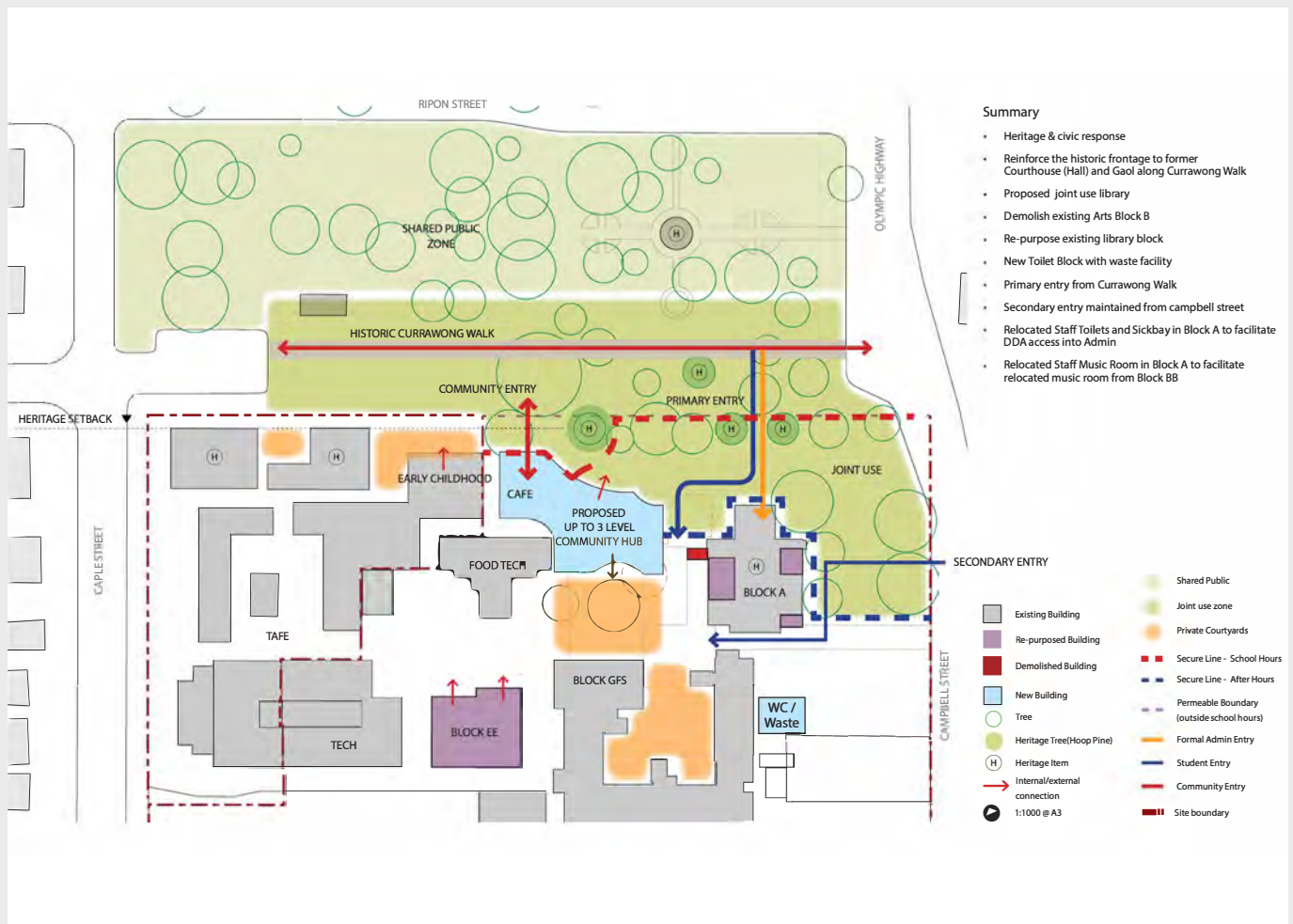
Progress summary

The NSW Government is spending \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. The budget includes an additional \$160 million in 2018/19 as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the biggest investment in public school infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The project meets the school's needs by providing students with contemporary new learning spaces including access to multi-media facilities.

Next steps

- Heritage and traffic studies will be finalised
- We will continue to develop the project design
- The NSW Government and Hilltops Council will continue to negotiate a legally binding project deed covering the operation, use and governance of the joint-use facility
- Lodgement and public exhibition of the State Significant Development application in 2019



Design developed for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements request (SEARs) to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)

Submitting the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements request is the first step in the planning approval process and a key milestone on the path to delivering the new facility. The initial design, including the bulk, scale and location, has been informed by public consultation, the need to respect the setting's European and Indigenous heritage and traffic considerations.

DPE will assess the project and advise the project team on the studies that need to be included as part of the main development application. Depending on the response from DPE, at this stage we expect to lodge a development application in mid 2019.

After this application is lodged, the project will be placed on public exhibition, allowing the community and other stakeholders to make comments. Once the development application has been approved, construction work can start.

Frequently asked questions

How will the partnership between the NSW Department of Education and Hilltops Council work?

The Hilltops Library and Community Facility is a joint-use project. This means the new facilities are shared between the school and another organisation, in this case Hilltops Council. The joint use approach has been endorsed by the NSW Cabinet and forms a key aspect of planning for future school and community facility provision.

In 2018, the NSW Department of Education and Hilltops Council signed a Heads of Agreement, which sets out design principles, facility use and governance of the Hilltops Library and Community Facility. This is a step towards both parties signing a legally binding project deed covering the management structures, legal and financial arrangements, design and construction considerations and governance of the joint use facility.

How is this project being funded?

Hilltops Council is contributing \$6.5m to the project. This is made up of \$3m from the Regional Cultural Fund, \$2m from the Stronger Communities Fund and \$1.5 from the council's long-term financial plan.

The Department of Education is responsible for funding the remainder, as part of the NSW Government's allocation of \$6 billion over the next four years to deliver more than 170 projects across the state.

How is school and community input being provided to the project team?

Following community engagement in 2017, a Community Project Steering Committee was set up to ensure local people's voices are heard as the project progresses.

A Project Reference Group has also been established. This comprises representatives from Hilltops Council, the NSW Department of Education, the school P&C committee and the design team.

This group will continue to meet to provide advice and endorsement as the project develops.

How are heritage and traffic considerations being taken into account?

We recognise the importance of respecting the heritage features of Carrington Park, the old courthouse and its setting. This has influenced the development of the design to date. A heritage study is being completed to further inform the project's design as it continues to develop.

A traffic study has been commissioned and will inform the development of the design for the new facility and will consider parking, access and connectivity. Ensuring accessibility for all is a key component of the project and will be an important consideration in developing the design.

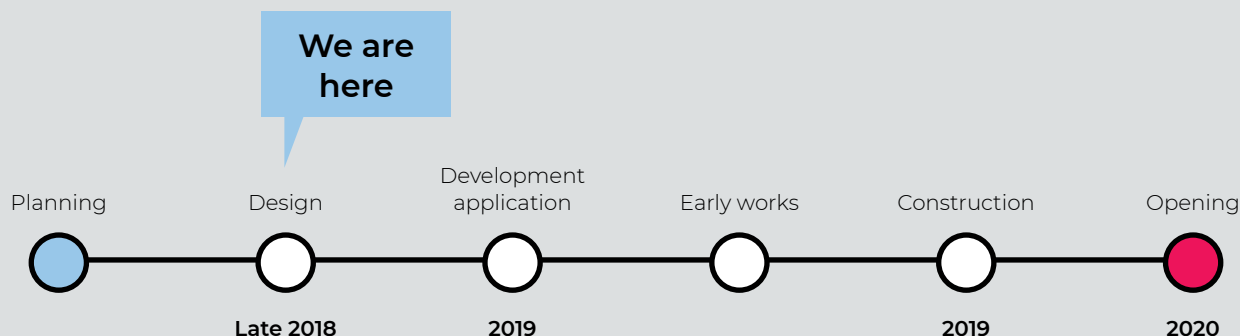
What measures are being put in place to ensure the safety of school students and community users in one facility?

Joint-use libraries have operated in Australia for many years and the project team will draw on the successful designs and protocols used by others to ensure everyone can have appropriate access to, and enjoyment of, the facility. These important considerations will be developed as the project progresses.



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Timeline



Stay informed

School Infrastructure NSW and Hilltops Council are committed to working with the school and the wider community to deliver the best possible facility.

Throughout the project there will be opportunities to view plans, ask questions and give feedback.

Both the School Infrastructure NSW and Hilltops Council's website will include details of upcoming opportunities to find out more.



Information booth

Information booths will be staged throughout the project's development



Website

Stay up to date by visiting schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au and hilltops.nsw.gov.au/council/majorprojects



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