

Young High School upgrade and joint-use library and community facility

Information pack

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Artist impression of the northern façade of the proposed joint-use library and community facility

The planned joint-use library and community facility will be a ground-breaking community landmark.

The shared library and community facility will include contemporary new learning spaces, multimedia facilities, youth wellbeing hub and the Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre.

School upgrades include re-purposing of the existing school library into a staff hub, construction of two new student toilet blocks, a new canteen and landscaping works.

Project overview

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

A project is underway for a major upgrade to Young High School which includes a new joint-use library and community facility for the school and local community. It will be located on school land and integrated with Carrington Park.

The library facility is jointly funded by the NSW Government and Hilltops Council.

When completed the facility will provide students and the community with a diverse range of contemporary learning spaces. These will include access to video conferencing and multimedia facilities, a multipurpose workshop, youth wellbeing hub and the Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre.

The project also includes the following upgrades to the school site:

- Re-purposing of the existing school library into a staff hub
- Construction of two new student toilet blocks
- Construction of a new canteen
- Landscaping.

A new 2.5 storey building will provide:



a range of new learning spaces



technology including video conferencing and multimedia spaces



reading and study areas



children's activity area



coffee bar



top floor dedicated to the arts, including gallery space, dark room and pottery space



the Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre

The project will also include additional upgrades to other aspects of the school site, including:



re-purposing of the existing school library into a staff hub



construction of two new student toilet blocks

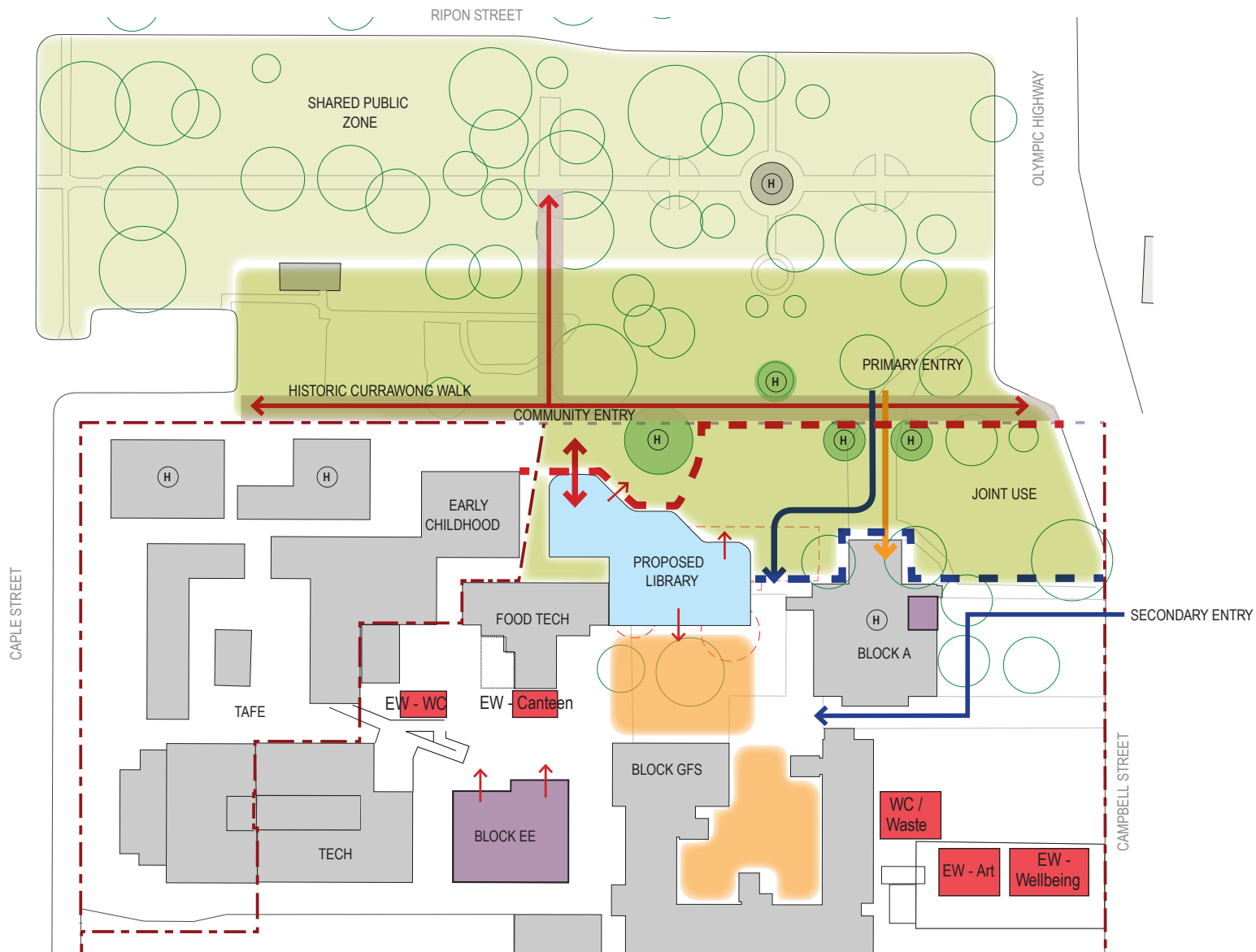


construction of a new canteen



landscaping

Site Plan



LEGEND

	Existing Building		Joint use zone
	Re-purposed Building		Private Courtyards
	New Building		Secure Line - School Hours
	Tree		Secure Line - After Hours
	Heritage Tree(Hoop Pine)		Permeable Boundary (outside school hours)
	Heritage Item		Formal Admin Entry
	Internal/external connection		Student Entry
	Shared Public		Community Entry
			Site boundary

Early Works

- Demolish existing Arts Block B
- Re-purpose offices in Block A to Music Room
- New canteen
- Two new toilet blocks
- Relocate wellbeing demountable
- Trenching required for site services to all new buildings and demountables

Main Works

- Proposed 2.5 storey joint-use library and community facility
- Re-purpose existing library block
- Landscaping works

Frequently asked questions

Why is the school being upgraded?

Young High School is being upgraded to support growing educational and community needs in the area and will provide students with contemporary new learning spaces including access to multimedia facilities. The project is part of the NSW Government's investment of \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW.

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

The library and community facility is a joint-use project. This means the new facility is shared between Young High School and the community. The joint-use approach has been endorsed by the NSW Government 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 joint-use 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.

Who is funding the project?

Hilltops Council is contributing \$6.5 million to the joint-use library and community facility. This is made up of \$3 million from the Regional Cultural Fund, \$2 million from the Stronger Communities Fund and \$1.5 million from the Council's long-term financial plan. The NSW Department of Education is responsible for funding the remainder of the project.

What stage is the project at?

We have completed schematic design and this stage of the design process has been endorsed by Hilltops Council. A site plan has been developed and shows how the new facility will integrate with Carrington Park. Open discussions are continuing between the NSW Department of Education and Hilltops Council regarding the facility and the legally binding project deed. The planning process is underway and we are undertaking detailed technical studies. The detailed design process will commence soon.

When will early works commence?

Site establishment and early works to prepare the site for construction will begin in mid-late 2019. Early works activities are detailed below the site plan and are contained within the high school.

How long will the project take?

We are currently in the design phase of the project. Main works construction will commence once planning approval is received. The project is scheduled for completion between mid-2020 and mid-2021.

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 listened to as the project progresses. A Project Reference Group has also been established. This comprises representatives from Hilltops Council, the NSW Department of Education, School Principal, the school P&C committee, librarians, and the design team. This group will continue to meet to provide advice and endorsement as the project develops.

How are heritage considerations being taken into account?

We recognise the importance of respecting the heritage features of the land, Carrington Park, the old courthouse and its setting. This has influenced the development of the design to date. Heritage studies, including European and Aboriginal, have been conducted and will continue to inform the project's design as the project develops.

How are traffic considerations being taken into account?

A traffic study has been commissioned and will inform the development of the design for the new facility to maintain and enhance 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.

Will there be any change to access to Carrington Park?

Carrington Park will be upgraded with a new pathway to provide clear and easy access for the community to the new library. The existing facilities in Carrington Park, such as the playground, BBQ facilities, public toilets and Band Rotunda, will remain available for community use.

What is the community access to the library during school hours?

During school hours the community has sole access to approximately:

- 44% of the lower ground floor.
- 30% of the upper ground floor.

Level 1 is for school access only. Outside of school hours, the community will have access to the majority of spaces in the facility, with certain usage conditions. Some collections will remain separate.

Frequently asked questions (continued)

What does landscaping include?

A shared, sustainable and interactive landscape for both the school and community will be developed as part of the project. This will include interactive play spaces and outdoor learning areas associated with the school and children's reading area and clear pathways and access routes to all school and community facilities.

What are the benefits to the community of locating the library on this site?

The current Young Library has a usable floor area of 370 m². The total area of the new joint-use facility will be approximately 2,500m², with the core community area totalling approximately 1,200m². This represents an approximate 220% increase in space for the community.* Outside of school hours, the area to the north of the proposed facility and around the Grand Courthouse will also be available for community use. This will provide greater opportunities to connect with the historic Courthouse building.

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. We have drawn on the successful designs and protocols used by others to ensure everyone can safely access and enjoy the facility. Currently we have

incorporated variable security boundaries for the joint-use space facing Carrington Park; one for use during school hours and another for use after school hours. There will also be separate access points and secure lines and dividers used within the library to separate community spaces, joint-use spaces and school spaces during school hours.

What will be done to minimise the construction impacts on the school, its students and the community?

The safety and wellbeing of the community is our utmost priority. All construction on site will be conducted in accordance with noise, safety and building regulations. Fencing and shade cloth will be erected to reduce dust and noise impacts on the school and our neighbours. Dust from demolition and construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads. Notifications to the school community and surrounding neighbours will be issued prior to works. Any potentially disruptive tasks will be undertaken outside of school hours. The impact on Carrington Park will be managed, including stopping works for important community events such as Australia Day and Christmas Carols.

* Note that size of the completed facility may change due to detailed design, planning approval and market evaluation.

Timeline





Internal artist impression of the proposed joint-use library and community facility

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 websites 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 – current works and projects



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