

Frequently asked questions (continued)

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.

building regulations. Hoarding 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 during non-school hours.

The impact on Carrington Park will be managed, including the cessation of works for important community events such as Australia Day and Christmas Carols.

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 state noise, safety and



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

Information pack

November 2019



Artist impression of the community entry to the joint-use library facility

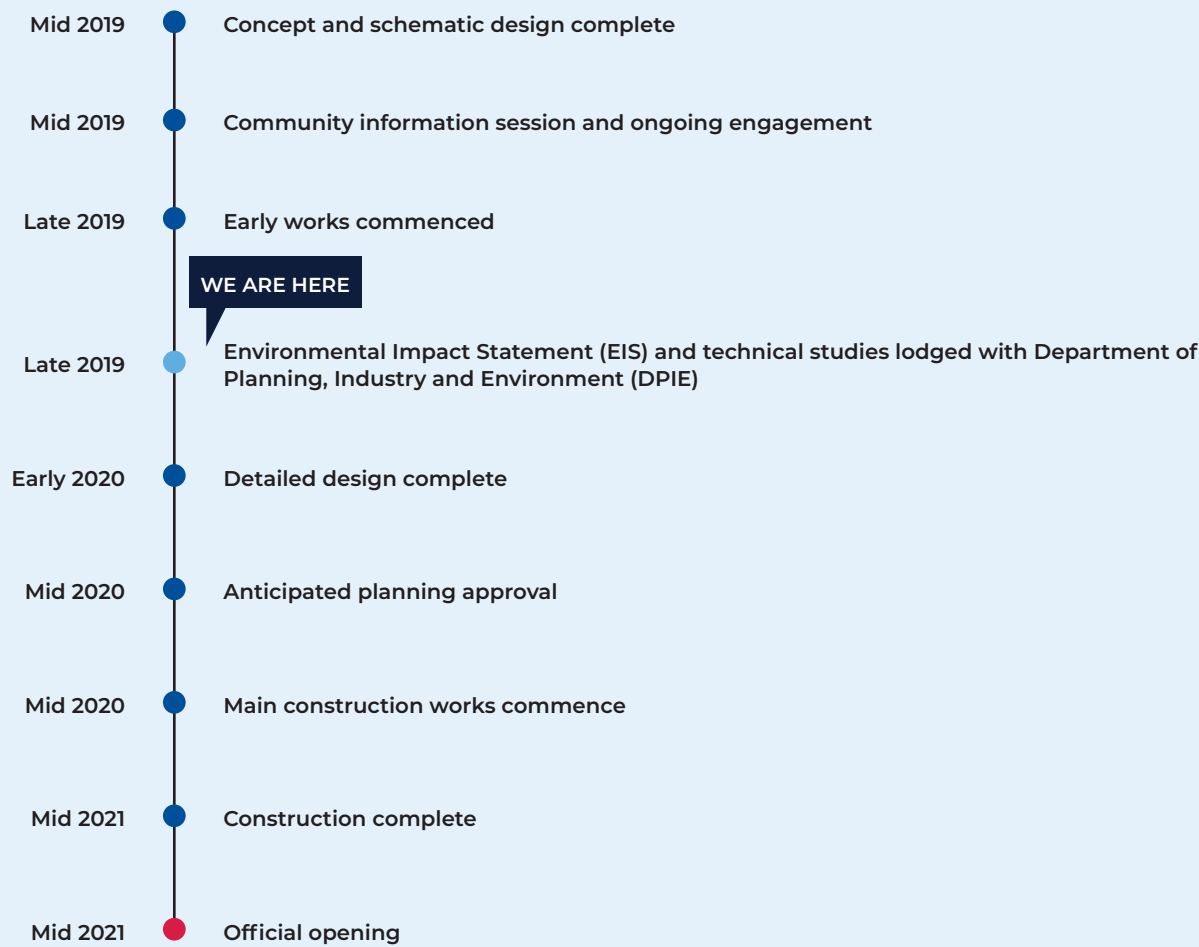
School Infrastructure NSW and Hilltops Council are planning a new joint use library and community facility for Young High School and the Hilltops community.

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

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

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

Timeline



Project overview

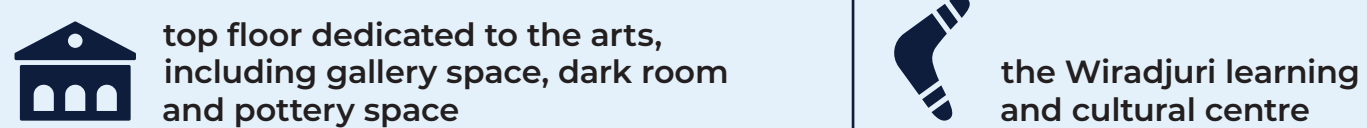
The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over four years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure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

School Infrastructure NSW and Hilltops Council are planning 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 through landscaping which recognises and celebrates the Indigenous culture and heritage of the region. The library facility is jointly funded by the NSW Government and Hilltops Council.

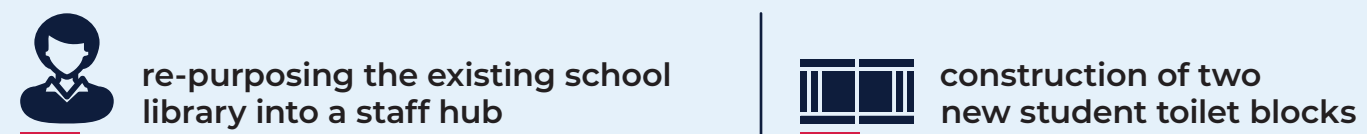
The school site will also be upgraded and works include re-purposing the existing school library into a staff hub, construction of a new student amenity block and landscaping.

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

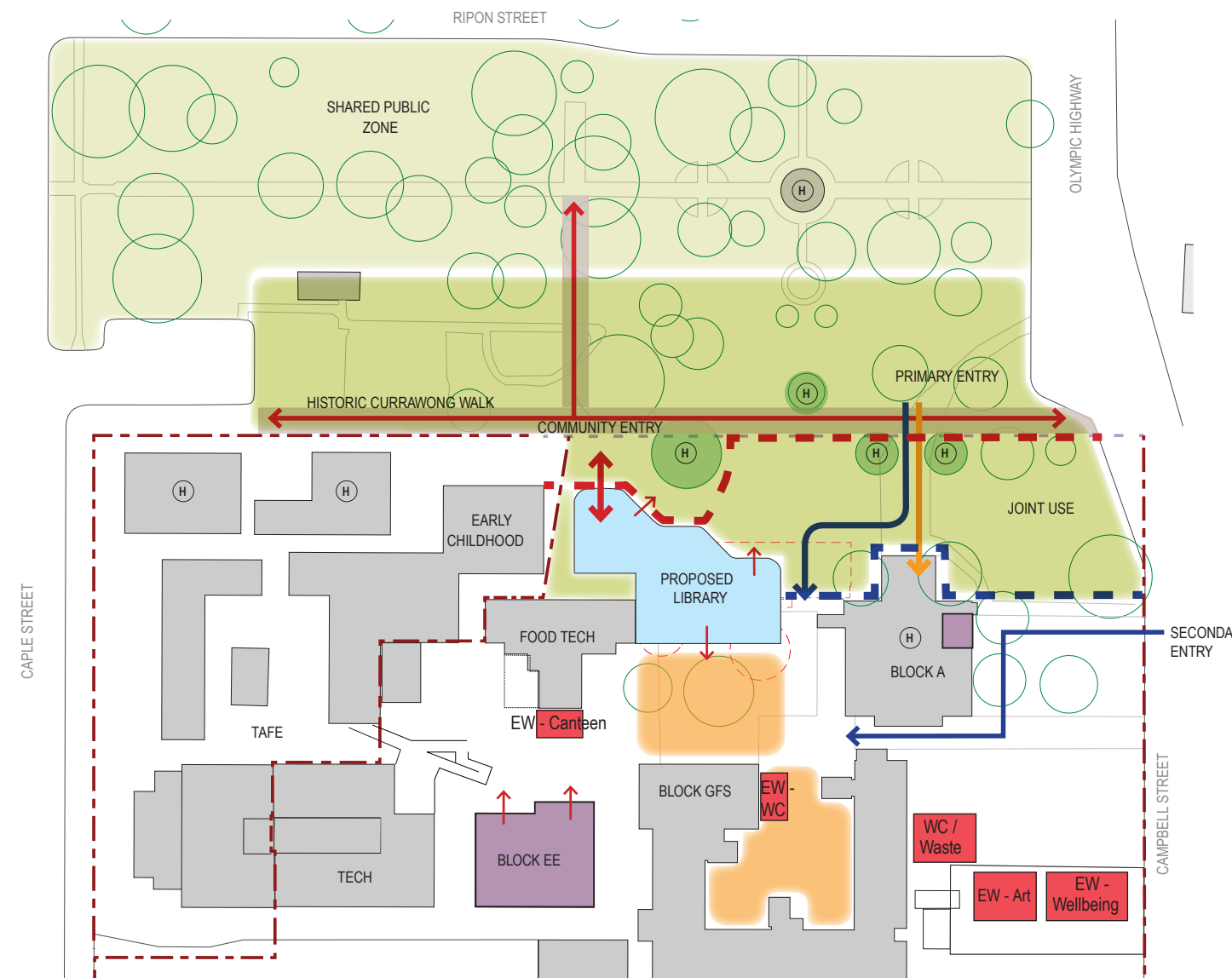
A new 2.5 storey building will provide:



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



Site Plan



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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 new facility will be 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. In October 2019, the deed and lease documents were endorsed by both parties, 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 is the statutory planning approval process?

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) requires statutory planning approval from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) as this project is classified as a State Significant Development (SSD). An SSD is a development of particular significance to the people and State of NSW. The current planning phase of this project involves the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and technical studies, which are currently open for public exhibition. You can find these documents here - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects> (search for Young).

What stage is the project at?

Concept and schematic designs are complete. A site plan has been developed showing how the new facility will integrate with Carrington Park. Site establishment and early works to prepare the school site for construction are underway.

Councillors voted to sign off on the deed and lease document for the school and community library facility between the NSW Department of Education and the council on Wednesday 23 October at Hilltops Council October meeting.

The EIS was submitted to DPIE on Monday 4 November 2019. The EIS is on public exhibition for 28 days from Thursday 13 November to Wednesday 10 December. You can find these documents here - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects> (search for Young).

How long will the project take?

Construction will commence once planning approval is received, anticipated in mid-2020. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2021.

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 Aboriginal heritage studies, 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 completed and informs 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 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:

- 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, primarily through bookable rooms.