

Young High School

Holiday works notification

16 December 2021

Work is underway at Young High School to deliver a new joint use library and community facility, new learning spaces and general upgrades to school facilities.

Construction will continue at Young High School over the summer school holidays. Works will include archaeological excavations and installing bored concrete piers to prepare the site for laying the concrete slab for the new joint use library.

Changes to landscape design

The project team has submitted a modification to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to change the landscape design for Carrington Park and the internal school quadrangle.

The proposed changes to Carrington Park include retaining 8 trees previously marked for removal and changing the proposed paving and footpaths. These changes are proposed to minimise the impact of the development on the park, while still making the library accessible for all.

For the school's internal quadrangle, the project team is proposing to remove 2 trees, a lemon-scented gum and Chinese elm due to unavoidable construction impacts. The intention had been to retain these trees however a report by the project arborist has advised that these trees would not survive the construction works.

We understand that these trees hold sentimental value for the school community and the project team is working with Young High School on an appropriate way to preserve and reuse parts of the trees onsite. Possible options include Young High School using the main trunk to create sculptures or additional seating and mulching the branches for the new garden beds and aboriginal gardens on site.

In place of the trees, the team proposes to plant additional garden beds and 10 semi-mature trees. It also proposes to create a new open space area with seating for students.

Full details of the modification and supporting documents (including the arborist's report) can be viewed on the NSW planning portal website (planningportal.nsw.gov.au).

If DPIE approves the modification, the trees could be removed over the summer school holidays.

For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Frequently asked questions

What are the construction hours for this project?

Construction hours are 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday. No works will take place on Sunday or public holidays, unless otherwise notified.

There will be no construction works onsite between Thursday 23 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 inclusive.

Why can't the trees in the school quadrangle be retained?

The report by the project arborist showed that the excavation works required for the project will completely damage the root zones of the trees and that the only option is to remove both trees.

Full details of the modification and supporting documents (including the arborist's report) can be viewed on the NSW planning portal website (planningportal.nsw.gov.au).

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts of construction works?

Flexshield noise barrier curtains will be placed along the TAFE early childhood facility fence and around any noise generating works.

Shade cloth will be used to reduce dust impacts on the school and its neighbours. Dust from construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads and be washed down to prevent tracking dust and mud from the site.

Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction work over the holidays?

If you have any queries, concerns or feedback about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from Monday 27 December 2021 to Friday 7 January 2022 inclusive.

For any urgent queries or concerns about construction during this period, please contact our builder via the site manager's contact details on the main construction gate signage. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important school infrastructure.

For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au