



Artist impression of the new library and community facility

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

Project update

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## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

## Project overview

A major upgrade is underway at Young High School. The project will deliver a new joint use library and community facility, funded under a partnership between Hilltops Council and the NSW Department of Education.

Students and community members will benefit from new learning spaces, access to multimedia technology, reading and study areas, children's activity area, coffee bar, dedicated arts area and the Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre.

Additional upgrade works to the school by School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) include a new toilet block, canteen, staff hub and landscaping of the grounds.

## Progress summary

As previously advised, work on the new library site was paused when an old rubbish pit and intact glass bottle were uncovered during archaeological salvage works on the site. SINSW consulted with Heritage NSW who provided formal advice on the next steps and the Department of Industry, Planning and Environment (DPIE) has now given permission to restart the salvage works.

While work on the new library site was paused, SINSW worked on the school upgrade, starting the refurbishment of the existing library to convert it into a staff hub and continuing work on the new canteen and student toilets.

## Next steps

The staff hub, new canteen and student toilets are due to be handed over in Term 4. Archaeological salvage works are expected to restart in September and continue for approximately 10 weeks. Any objects and material found will be catalogued and arrangements made for their storage and display.

Work will then start on preparing the concrete slab for the new joint use library.

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# Frequently asked questions

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## What COVID-19 safety measures are in place on the construction site?

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan is in place for the site and the contractor will enforce strict compliance including no workers from the LGAs of concern, with the exception of authorised workers allowed under the Public Health Order.

All current health guidelines are being followed, including a one person per 4sqm rule and all workers wearing masks for indoor and outdoor work.

## What are the construction hours for the project?

Construction hours are 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 1 pm Saturday.

## What will archaeological salvage works involve?

Salvage works will be overseen by an independent archaeologist. Machinery and hand excavation will be used to remove topsoil from the site and expose and recover any objects or materials of cultural significance (historical and Aboriginal).

Location details and information about each find will be recorded on a detailed map and items will be cleaned, catalogued, and analysed.

The results of the salvage works will be publicly available and arrangements will be made for the long-term storage and display of the finds.

## How will noise and dust from the salvage and construction works be managed?

Localised noise barriers will be installed around noisy works across the site and rest periods enforced.

Fencing and shade cloth will be erected to reduce dust and areas on the site will be hosed down with water as needed. Exposed debris will be covered and trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads.

## Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction work?

The safety and wellbeing of the community is our biggest priority. Should you have any concerns or feedback throughout the construction phase, please contact SINSW using the details below.

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important infrastructure. We will continue to keep you updated through project updates and notifications.

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