# Planning update | October 2024

#### Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

### **Project overview**

The NSW Government has committed funding for a project to install walls in open classrooms at Picton High School. This upgrade will provide enclosed learning spaces, ensuring that students and teachers have suitable environments for teaching and learning.

#### **Progress update**

The early planning stages involved assessing the existing open classrooms and educational requirements with stakeholders. The work will be done in 2 stages.

Stage 1 will enclose the first set of classrooms, and is planned to include:

- enclosing 2 open plan classrooms and one activities area in the Mathematics and Visual Arts classroom area to create 4 classrooms
- enclosing one open plan classroom in the Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) classroom area to create 2 classrooms and an access corridor
- removing a wall in an English classroom to create a larger classroom
- installing a wall in the tiered seating area near the Mathematics and Visual Arts classrooms to separate it from the corridor.

A design and construction contract for the Stage 1 works is now out for tender.

Stage 2 will focus on classrooms with more complex requirements. For Stage 2, work has commenced to engage a team of architects, engineers and other specialists to develop the design.

## **Next steps**

- The design and construction contract for Stage 1 work will be awarded at the end of November 2024, with work to be undertaken in the next school holiday period.
- Design documentation for the Stage 2 works will be developed.

#### More information



You can find more information about the project at <a href="edu.nsw.link/PictonHS">edu.nsw.link/PictonHS</a> or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about this project, contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours using the contact details below.



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