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Project update | September 2022

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The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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 project is underway to redevelop Wee Waa High School. The project will deliver new learning spaces, modern core facilities including a library and multipurpose hall, a new agricultural and environment centre, sports fields and sports courts as well as a new Indigenous Cultural Centre.

Progress summary

We have established the construction zone at the site on Mitchell Street and have begun excavation of the swales within this zone.

The project team have received a draft version of the conditions of planning approval from the Department of Planning and Environment, which outline our requirements to build the new school.

Next steps

We are expecting to receive statutory planning approval over the coming weeks, which will allow main construction to begin on site. All documents relating to the planning consent will be published on the DPE website at: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-wee-waa-high-school>

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Updates to project timeline

There has been a delay in the preconstruction period for this project due to a number of factors such as material procurement, price increases, external peer reviews of technical plans, prolonged statutory planning and efforts to maximise local trades participation.

As a result, the program for delivery is being adjusted and it is expected that the new facilities will be completed in early 2023, rather than late 2022 as initially anticipated. The department will continue to work towards delivering this important asset to provide a long-term benefit to students and the broader Wee Waa community.

We want to thank students, caregivers and staff from Wee Waa High School and Wee Waa Public School for their patience as the schools continue to operate from the temporary set up until the new high school is complete.

Managing construction impacts: feedback

Draft Conditions of Approval have been issued for the project, which require School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) and our contractor to prepare a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan (CNVMSP). The CNVMSP needs to include strategies that have been developed with the community for the delivery of the project.

There are strategies that are already planned as part of the construction works, such as:

- noise monitoring, to ensure compliance with the noise and vibration management criteria outlined in the SSD application consent
- compliance with the 'Construction Hours' included in the SSD application consent conditions to minimise noise and vibration impacts of the development
- design considerations to minimise the extent of any rock breaking and excavation in rock
- acoustic shielding where practical, to minimise noise from the site

Under the conditions of approval, all work, including building/demolition and excavation work, and activities in the vicinity of the site generating noise, must only be carried out between 7 am and 6 pm on Mondays to Fridays, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturdays. Safety inspections are permitted from 7 am workdays.

No work must be carried out on Sundays or public holidays, unless approved prior by the consent authority.

If you would like to provide any feedback that you feel would be beneficial and feasible for the project to implement, please contact us on the below contact information by **20 September 2022**.

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