

WANTIRNA COLLEGE

PROJECT UPDATE

Builder appointment, design confirmed and construction update

March 2024

Dear school community,

I am thrilled to announce that we officially have a builder appointed to our project and construction will commence shortly.

After a thorough evaluation process, Building Engineering will deliver the construction of our school upgrade and bring the project to life. Construction is set to begin over the April school holidays and is forecast for completion by Term 3, 2025.

It has now been confirmed that the project scope will include a competition grade gym with 2 courts as well as new music and drama classrooms.

I'm also pleased to share the much-anticipated designs for our project.

Attached to this update are designs for the competition grade gym as well as the views to the entry from the street.

We'll share details about the impact construction will have on our school community before it starts. Rest assured that our top priority will be to minimise disruption to student learning.

Building work will commence in April starting with the construction of the double court gymnasium, followed by the performing arts building. Block F will be demolished at the start of 2025.

Works may include installation of site sheds for the builders as well as vegetation and tree removal, fencing, landscaping and the use of heavy machinery at times.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) will need to remove several trees on the site to make way for the new facilities. They have worked with an arborist to keep as many trees as is possible with adjustments made to the design to accommodate trees where possible. The VSBA will plant at least 2 trees of a comparable species for every tree removed, in line with their tree removal and replacement policy.

Construction hours will comply with Knox City Council guidelines and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulations.

Clearly there's much to look forward to! While we navigate the upcoming period of transition at Wantima College, I trust that you can also recognise the remarkable benefits that this project holds for our community in the long run.

Carrie Wallis

Principal

More information

If you have any questions about the Wantima College works, you can contact the VSBA by phone at **1800 896 950**, email <u>vsba@education.vic.gov.au</u> or visit their website: <u>https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/wantima-college</u>







Entry view



Signage from street



Gym interior

