

Young High School upgrade and new joint-use community facility

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Artist impression of the Hilltops library and community facility

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 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

School Infrastructure NSW and Hilltops Council are planning a new joint use library and community facility for Young High School and the Hilltops community. The project will deliver:



a range of new learning spaces



technology including video conferencing and multimedia spaces



reading and study areas



children's activity area



coffee bar



top floor dedicated to the arts, including gallery space, dark room and pottery space



the Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre

Timeline



Progress summary and next steps

Construction of the project is underway with the installation of fencing and safety measures as part of site set up, and explorative works that started in November.

The contractor, Joss, is preparing for demolition and earth moving work during the summer school holidays. Machinery and equipment will be delivered to the site and demolition of existing ground floor slab from building B will soon start. The community will be notified ahead of time of any impactful work.

Construction work will take place between 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm, Saturday, in line with hours approved as part of the state significant development application. No work will be carried out on Sundays or Public holidays.

The project timeline has been extended to cater for additional time needed to achieve planning approval and meet conditions of consent before construction could start. We anticipate that the project will be completed for the school and community to use the new facilities by mid 2022, weather permitting.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community.

Update on investigations into a potential tunnel

School Infrastructure NSW acknowledges that there is a suggestion that a prisoner transfer tunnel exists between the former Courthouse (located within the school site) and gaol (located within the TAFE site). Extensive investigations so far have included:

- ground penetrating radar scans to depths of four metres were completed in two locations, one of which was identified by a member of the public as to where the tunnel could be located
- preliminary site investigations undertaken beneath the floor of the former Courthouse building
- further investigations undertaken by a timber specialist in June 2020.

Changing the way we communicate

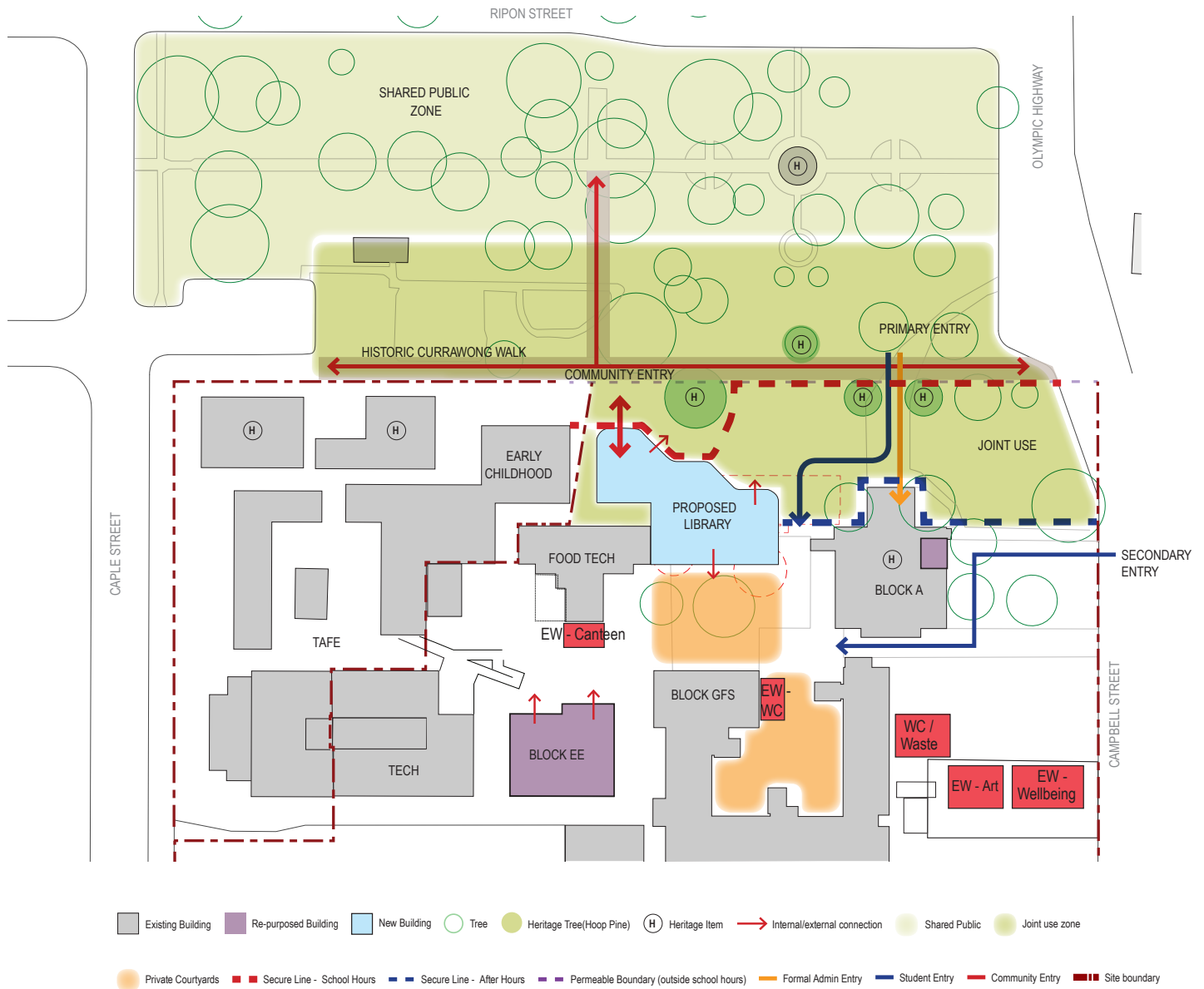
The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority. We are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed about our project in your community to account for social distancing measures.

How we will keep you informed

Until further notice we will share information with our communities online instead of in person. Our information hotline and email address will continue to operate as normal.

Site plan

The site plan below shows site layout of the works at Young High School.



Frequently asked questions and Summer Holiday Works

What is being delivered?

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. The new 2.5 storey facility will be located on Young High School grounds and integrated with Carrington Park. The rebuild will also include additional improvements to other parts of Young High School.

When will the upgrade be completed?

It is anticipated that the upgrades to Young High School will be completed mid 2022, weather permitting.

What are the construction working hours?

Works will take place between standard construction working hours. Overall, construction, including delivery of materials to and from site will be strictly limited to approved hours:

- 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday
- 8:00am to 1:00pm, Saturday.

No works will take place on Sundays or public holidays.

What works will be completed over the summer holidays?

Machinery and equipment will be delivered to the site in preparation for the demolition of the existing ground floor slab from Building B.

Ground preparation works for permanent Block PP (toilet) and Block QQ (canteen) will start, as well as pouring of the concrete slabs for both Block PP and Block QQ. Further archaeological salvage works will be undertaken.

Will trees be removed as part of the upgrade?

As part of the project, some trees will be removed to accommodate the upgrade. However, the removal of trees has been kept to a minimum to have the least impact on natural vegetation. In addition, rehabilitation and landscaping will be undertaken. Tree removal was outlined in and approved as part of the development application.

Will parking be impacted during construction?

There will be impacts to the council car park at Carrington Park and access will not be possible during construction. However there is plenty of street parking available on Rippon Street and Caple Street.

The impact of our project on the local community is considered in our planning. We work with council and the community to identify issues and put in place mitigation measures.

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

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels is managed in strict accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Dust is minimised with shade cloth and spraying water.

How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site as necessary.

Traffic Management Plans will be implemented when works are occurring on road frontages.

What safety measures will be in place?

The health and safety of the community is our highest priority. Fencing will be constructed around the construction site to secure the area and prevent public access. Traffic control measures will be in place as required.

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

If you have any queries or concerns about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651. School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from Friday 25 December to Sunday 10 January inclusive. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

Stay informed

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