

Artist impression of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School boarding upgrade

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Project update

November 2021

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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

The NSW Government is investing in the future of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to continue its reputation in providing educational services excellence to students in NSW.

Design work is underway to upgrade the boarding facilities and to build a new farm hub at Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

The boarding upgrade will deliver:

- 180 student accommodation beds
- Dorm monitor rooms
- Senior and junior common rooms
- Amenities
- Overnight accommodation for four rostered duty staff
- Two permanent staff residences in Block A.

The new farm hub will deliver:

- Dairy shed
- Milking parlour
- Dairy processing equipment
- Viewing gallery
- Co-located learning space
- Calf, beef and pig sheds
- Horticulture
- Commodity shed and storage facilities
- New equipment
- Irrigation systems
- Male and female staff and student amenities.

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Progress summary

The master plan for the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Boarding and Farm Hub project has now been finalised. The project is in concept design phase. Concept design involves consultation with the school, consultants and the department's technical stakeholder group to confirm:

- The final floorplan and location of all facilities, including amenities
- The look and feel of the new boarding upgrade
- The internal layouts and room configurations.

The early works tender has closed and is being assessed.

Site inspections have commenced.

Next steps

The early works construction contract is expected to be awarded late 2021. Following this, early works site establishment will commence, with the installation of construction perimeter fencing with shading cloth to secure the site. Early construction works are expected to start in early 2022. These works will include:

- Demolition to student accommodation Blocks B, C and N
- Partial refurbishment to Block A; subject to further site investigation
- Demolition of the existing swimming pool. Area to be filled, compacted and new turf laid.

More information will be provided in 2022 about the next phase of construction.

Frequently asked questions

Construction

When is early works construction expected to start?

The early works construction contract is expected to be awarded late 2021, with site establishment and construction works commencement expected early 2022.

How long is early works construction expected to take?

At this stage in the project, we are expecting that the early works component of the project will be completed by mid 2022. This includes site establishment; demolition to student accommodation Blocks B, C and N; partial refurbishment to Block A; and demolition of the existing swimming pool.

How will construction affect school operations?

We are working closely with the school to ensure that any impacts to the school and its operations are kept to a minimum. Temporary construction perimeter fencing with shading cloth will be installed to separate all work areas and to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors. There will also be signage and separate access points in place to ensure restricted access to the construction site.

What hours will early works construction take place?

Working hours for the early works stage are subject to authority approvals, indicative times are below:

Monday-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm

Saturday - Noisy works or activities and deliveries will be restricted to commence from 9 am. All other site activities will commence from 8 am.

There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

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Boarding school upgrades

Where will the boarding facilities be located during upgrades to Blocks B, C and N?

Temporary boarding operations will continue in Blocks E and Z. Temporary amenity demountables will be placed adjacent to these buildings, if required.

When do the students relocate to their new temporary facilities?

Students will need to vacate their current boarding facilities at the end of Term 4, when they start their summer holidays. Students will be able to store their belongings on-site during the summer break, if necessary. When students return to school for Day 1 Term 1, they will move into their new temporary boarding facilities in Blocks E and Z. Blocks E and Z will be cleaned and fresh for the students' return. Further details will be provided in the next project update.

What will the new boarding accommodation look like after early works are complete?

The area shall be cleared and turfed to be used as a common area for students until commencement of main works.

How will the proposed changes impact teacher accommodation living on-site in Blocks A, B, C and N?

The proposed boarding upgrade will include the provision of four overnight residential rooms for staff duty and boarder supervision. Further, the refurbishment of Block A will provide two staff residences.

To enable early works to commence in early 2022, staff and their families who currently occupy these facilities (within Blocks A, B, C and N) will need to make other living arrangements at the end of Term 4 2021. This will be at the same time that boarding students vacate their dormitories for summer holidays.

How will staff living in other on-site accommodation, separate to Blocks A, B, C and N be impacted?

As part of the main works upgrade, existing staff housing on-site will no longer be available for use. This housing includes Anzac Cottage; Roundabout House, Dairy Cottage; Gate Cottage; 12 purpose built staff accommodation flats and Pizza Huts and Chook Huts. It is anticipated that staff occupying this housing will need to make alternate living arrangements by mid 2022. This date is to be confirmed and more information will be provided as the project progresses.

Existing houses currently occupied by the Farm Supervisor and Deputy Principal Boarding will be retained for ongoing staff use.

How will we manage students, staff and neighbours safety and wellbeing in the lead up to and during construction?

During construction, the health, safety and wellbeing of students, staff and neighbours will continue to be our highest priority. Students will continue to be supported by the Duty Team, Head Teachers' Welfare, Deputy Principal Boarding, Principal, Boarder Student Leaders, Boarder Council and Boarder Welfare Parent Group.

For some staff, the farm and boarding facilities upgrade will impact on how they deliver their classes, where they can teach, as well as where they may be living or staying when supervising on site. In the lead up to construction, we have time to work carefully through how we will manage these changes, with the staff affected.

Any staff member, who needs support can reach out at any time to:

- Their Head of Faculty
- School Principal and Deputy Principals
- Life Works (contact 1800 679 338).

Conversations will be considered confidential and our focus is always to support staff and their wellbeing. We will continue to keep the neighbours and local community informed as the project progresses and encourage feedback.

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How will we minimise impacts to students, staff and neighbours in the lead up to and during construction?

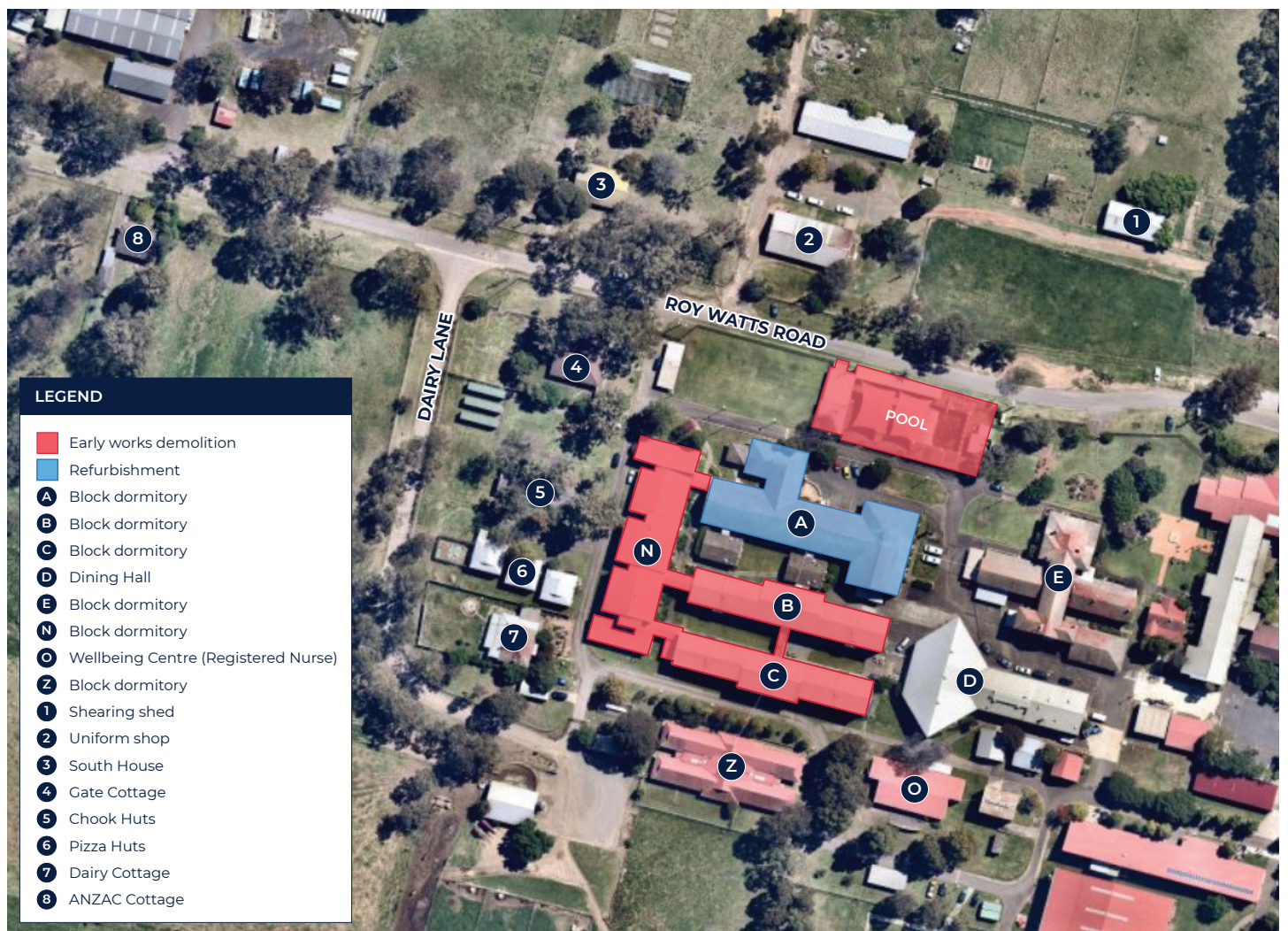
School Infrastructure NSW is committed to ensuring that construction work is completed safely and efficiently and with minimal impact to students, staff and local community. Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the works. This will include the construction area being fenced. There will be no access to the construction area by staff or students; however, viewing panels will be installed to enable student engagement.

The SINSW project team will have regular consultation with the school to discuss construction progress. Any safety concerns will be addressed to ensure the safety and security of students and staff at all times.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us.

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