



Artist impression of the Kingscliff Public School upgrade

Kingscliff Public School

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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

Kingscliff Public School is being upgraded to provide new permanent teaching spaces and core facilities to cater for enrolment growth in the area. The scope of work includes replacement of all classrooms including demountable buildings, a new library, an extended hall with new canteen, new outdoor spaces and a redeveloped school entry.

Progress summary

As per our last update, the State Significant Development (SSD) works for Kingscliff Public School started in early June. Shortly after the site was established, construction works on the new Building 3 had to be paused on the due to the discovery of artefacts. Works on the new building will shortly restart as testing on the findings has been completed. Further information on the outcomes of the archaeological tests can be found overleaf. Works on Building 2, unrelated to the find and located on Orient Street, have continued throughout.

Temporary changes to structured sport

As works restart on Buildings 3 and 4, the oval will be required to complete construction. To ensure students can access sport areas while the oval is out of use, Jack Julius Park and Kingscliff Foreshore walk will be accessible to the school.

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Teachers will accompany students to and from the parks for structured sport time. Year groups 1-6 will be allocated a park space based on a roster system, which will be coordinated by the leadership team. The parks will not be used in the instance of wet weather.

Around Kingscliff Foreshore, students will be able to access the foreshore area, playground and basketball facilities, south of the surf club to play. Arrangements will be in place for until construction on the upgrade is complete.

Unexpected artefacts find

On Thursday 16 June 2022, potential artefacts were identified within the footprint of the new Building 3 during excavation works. The area was immediately cordoned off, and Heritage NSW, Registered Aboriginal Parties and local police were informed as per the protocol in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Sub Plan.

What was discovered?

The potential artefacts included bones and were subsequently tested by the police forensic unit. The results of the testing confirmed the bones were animal remains. Testing and analysis by archaeologists also revealed a wide range of mid-century materials, likely to have been buried on site as waste prior to the school being constructed. These materials included fragments of glass, ceramics, soda bottles, cleaning bottles and perfume bottles, all of which were analysed by the archaeologists.

The items assessed are not of State or Local heritage significance and are not classified as relics under the *NSW Heritage Act 1977* and therefore do not initiate any formal reporting and or requirements under this legislation.

Heritage NSW and the Department of Planning and Environment have been notified of the findings of these investigations.

Next steps

School Infrastructure NSW has received approval from the Department of Planning to restart works in the zone for the new Building 3. These works will restart, focusing on continued excavation and footings works.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this important school upgrade.

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