A New High School for Ballina

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Summary

The design of the new school is continuing and is now in the Schematic Design phase.

Transition planning is also underway to temporarily co-locate the staff and students of Ballina High School to the Southern Cross School site prior to the start of construction of the new school.

Engagement with both school and local communities has continued with workshops and information booths being held during July and August.

Design of the new school building

Key tasks completed since the previous update

- Design has progressed from Concept Design to Schematic Design.
- Workshops were held with an education consultant.
- A design review workshop was held with the Department of Education technical stakeholders.

Key tasks for the upcoming month

- Documentation will be prepared for submission of the project to the Department of Planning as a State Significant Development Application.
- The design will progress further to develop detailed spatial planning.

Relocation to Southern Cross School

Key tasks completed since the previous update

- Planning has commenced to plan for the relocation of staff and students from Ballina High School to Southern Cross from 2017.
- Temporary teaching space requirements were determined in conjunction with both school Principals.
- Site surveys and investigations at Southern Cross School are underway.

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Key tasks for the upcoming month
- The layout of the temporary buildings will be confirmed in order to best suit the needs of the relocating Ballina High School, Southern Cross School, and the existing site services.
- The temporary buildings will be refurbished in preparation for the staff and students to relocate to.

Buses, parking and impacts on local street

Key tasks completed since the previous update
- Discussions with the Ballina Shire Council and local bus companies have commenced regarding the impact on the surrounding areas as well as bus route and timetable changes.

Key tasks for the upcoming month
- Traffic studies will be carried out at both Ballina High School and Southern Cross School locations.

Next steps and key events

- Information booths will be held each fortnight at Ballina Fair for the remainder of the year where updated designs will be presented as they become available.

September/October information booth schedule

- Saturday, 24 September: 10am – 2:00pm
  Ballina Fair Shopping Centre, outside Woolworths

- Saturday, 8 October: 10am – 2pm
  Ballina Fair Shopping Centre, outside Woolworths

- Saturday, 22 October: 10am – 2pm
  Ballina Fair Shopping Centre, outside Woolworths

Please note advertisements will run in the Northern Star and Ballina Shire Advocate with future dates and times.

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