

Tighes Hill Public School Project update | June 2026

Image caption: Building B at Tighes Hill Public School



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing in our schools through the Heritage Stonework Restoration Program, which looks after historic school buildings across the state.

Under Section 170 of the *Heritage Act 1977*, we must identify, protect and manage heritage school buildings in our care. This program helps us do that, but it also ensures your school's historic buildings are cared for and protected for future generations.

Working together, our heritage architects, engineers and skilled stonemasons carefully restore each building using traditional tools and techniques, keeping them safe, strong and beautiful for years to come.

Heritage stonework restoration

As advised in our [November 2025 works notification](#), we are restoring the stonework and masonry on Building B (the library block) at Tighes Hill Public School.

This project includes:

- replacing sandstone features including stone windowsills
- repairing the existing masonry
- stabilising the chimneys and strengthening the gable ends
- replacing the roof and upgrading the roof plumbing
- improving the subfloor ventilation
- restoring the timber floors and windows.

Progress update

The library has been relocated to Building D to allow for continued access during restoration work on Building B. The temporary library, known as the repurposed art cave, has received upgrades to the communications network, external drainage, and electrical system to support a new air conditioning unit.



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Image above: recent drainage improvements near Building D to support the temporary library relocation. Fencing and scaffolding were installed around Building B earlier this year. Temporary fencing will remain in place while work is underway.

Restoration work started in May 2026 and included sampling, masonry repointing and some electrical and plumbing works. Masonry repointing involves replacing the mortar, which is essential to maintain the stonework features, structural integrity and functionality of the heritage-listed building.



Images above: before stonework restoration (left), after stonework restoration of Building B (centre and right)

Next steps

Restoration of Building B will continue throughout 2026. The next steps include:

- restoration of stone and timber features
- gable restoration
- stone removal and new stone installation
- restoration of chimneys and stabilising chimneys.



Image above: external features of Building B after façade stonework restoration.

Chimney strengthening and gable stabilisation will improve structural stability and resilience. Repair, weatherproofing and replacement of the roof and timber features will prevent deterioration and ensure compliance with heritage conservation requirements.

Heritage stonework takes time and care to restore; however, the project is on track, with work expected to be finished around mid to late 2027. We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.

Thank you

We are working closely with school leadership to ensure works are carried out efficiently with minimal disruption to the school community.

Thank you to our students, staff, families and neighbours for your patience and support as we carry out this important restoration. Together, we're helping ensure Tighes Hill Public School's heritage building remains a proud symbol of learning and community for generations to come.



You can find more information about the Heritage Stonework Program at <https://edu.nsw.link/heritage-stonework> or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.

Did you know?

The sandstone being used on Building B was sourced from the Ravensfield Quarry near Maitland, which reopened last year. This gave our masonry team access to high-quality sandstone that closely matches the original stone used in the building's construction.