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Stage Two of State-of-the-Art Catholic College Set to Commence

Construction of the second stage of Newman Catholic College, Smithfield is set to commence in January 2023 after the building contract was awarded to Cairns-based building company Bryant Building Contractors.

“The second stage will offer 15 new purpose-built learning spaces including art rooms, amenities, administration spaces and a temporary library,” said Newman Catholic College Principal Laretta Graham. The State Government has pledged 80 per cent of the funding for the project, with construction anticipated to take 12 months to complete.

“The construction is set to be completed before the commencement of the 2024 school year and because the site is master planned, the design enables the connection points to the new building to be completed with very minimal disruption to the college operations,” said Dr Graham.

The first stage of the development, which officially opened in January of this year, consists of a multi-level vertical design of approximately 7,000m² with five design technology classrooms, four science lab classrooms, a library and administration area, and an indoor PE court. It also features open and collaborative learning environments with sweeping landscape views and quiet retreat spaces.

Newman Catholic College welcomed its first cohort of students in January 2022 and will continue to expand by one year level each year until total enrolments of up to 800 students will be complete in 2027.

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