**Willis Street development: FAQs for residents and businesses**

**What is the University building on Willis Street?**

As part of the University’s new campus development at Inveresk, the Willis Street building will focus on allied health, nursing, food, science and physical education. The forecourt and main entrance will be on Cimitiere St, with a plaza walkway and landscaping creating a continuous journey via the new pedestrian and cycle bridge which will travel over Boland St and across the river.

A development application was submitted in June 2020 and approved in November 2020. The project is a partnership between federal, state and local governments and the University, supported by the Launceston City Deal. The Willis Street building is the third and final stage of the University’s transition to Inveresk by 2024.

**When will construction start?**

The Council-managed Willis St car park with 165 spaces has been closed, but there are sufficient options close by to meet demand including the Cimitiere Street car park, the Inveresk car park off Invermay Road, and the new Northern car park off Forster Street which will be fully complete by mid-year but has over 200 spaces open and available now.

- **Willis Street site preparation and foundation works** – April to May 2021
- **Piling** – June to July 2021
- **Full construction** – Late 2021 until end 2023

**What will the noise be like?**

Residents and businesses located near this area will experience noise associated with piling works and other construction activities. The planning permit designates construction works must only be carried out between the hours of Monday to Friday - 7.00am to 6.00pm and Saturday - 8.00am to 5.00pm with no works on Sunday or Public Holidays. The University of Tasmania apologizes for any inconvenience and thanks the local community for their understanding during these important works.

**Will there be altered traffic conditions or changes to access?**

The University is working with City of Launceston on an appropriate traffic management plan which may involve alterations to speed limit and footpath access if work close to site perimeter is required.

**How can I keep track of what is happening onsite?**

Updates and works notices will be available via the Northern Transformation website including live construction site cameras so you can follow project progress: [www.utas.edu.au/northern-transformation/inveresk-campus/construction-stage](http://www.utas.edu.au/northern-transformation/inveresk-campus/construction-stage)

Come along with any questions for the project team to the Gunner’s Arms on Tuesday 27th April at 5.30pm. Details are attached and RSVPs essential.

**Who do I contact with questions or issues?**

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**Site Plan**

**KEY:**
- Site Plan
  1. Indigenous welcome garden with Guardian Stones and dolerite (Tasmanian stone) paving
  2. Urban Platform and gathering area with clear connections to ramp / bridge
  3. Building forecourt
  4. Transition to interim landscape and access to car parking through gardens
  5. Living lab gardens and social student lawns
  6. Stair and outdoor classroom amphitheatre
  7. Fitness station and circuit
  8. Bike parking, shade trees and signage at street arrival from Boland street
  9. Boland street carpark and access
  10. Upgraded streetscape and with extension of internal running track
  11. Proposed Carpark with landscape buffer to residential properties

- Entry points

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**Interim Landscape**

**KEY:**
- Site Plan
  1. Typical 200mm raised garden beds with steel edge and imported soil
  2. Compacted gravel access paths out through gardens / landscape
  3. Flush student / public lawns sit with gardens for socialisation and outdoor study
  4. Gardens to rear of lawns planted offer protection and screening from carpark
  5. Lawn associated with fitness circuit could also be used for training
  6. Gardens extend out to street edges

- Building entry points
- Site entry points
- Vehicular entry and exit points
The Willis Street building is designed in two wings: one which focuses on students and staff, the other on laboratories and research. They are connected by a bright, large atrium as a central meeting place, open and welcoming to the public for small to large gatherings.

The building focuses on encouraging community and industry collaboration. It includes:

- Nursing simulation labs co-located with TasTAFE
- Food science facilities including a sensory lab to provide hands-on skills and testing
- Allied Health clinics to support new courses in Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy
- Spaces which enable community health education programs for children and older adults, professional development workshops, sports science testing and wellbeing initiatives
- An open central atrium showcasing core themes of food science and health, used for interactive events and forums to encourage community learning and research activities
- Fully accessible changing place facilities available for public use
- Extensive ‘urban realm’ landscaping with active recreation spaces
- A ‘nutrition bar’ style takeaway café
Willis Street development update

Foundation works are starting on the University’s Willis Street development in late April.

Join the project team for a chat about timelines, stages of the build, local impact during construction and what the project will enable for the community.

Tuesday 27 April, 5.30 - 6.30pm
The Gunner's Arms Tavern
Food will be provided

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