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CANTERBURY BOYS' HIGH TO HONOUR FORMER PM JOHN HOWARD

Canterbury Boys' High School will name its new hall after its most famous alumni, former Prime Minister John Howard.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell today announced plans for a multi-million dollar upgrade that will boost facilities for the school in Sydney's south-west.

"We want to give kids the best start in life and this new multi-purpose hall will do just that," Mr Perrottet said.

"It's delivering on our commitment to upgrade schools across the State and no doubt, the name of this new facility will inspire a whole new generation of students at Canterbury Boys' High."

The suggestion for the hall's name came from an unexpected source, Labor Member for Canterbury Sophie Cotsis, who wrote to Minister Mitchell, pointing out the school had been without a hall since the 1980s when the building was turned into a library.

Mr Howard added his support for the infrastructure upgrade when the deficiency was brought to his attention. He graduated from the school in 1956 and went on to become the first Liberal Prime Minister entirely educated in the public school system.

A hall is now planned and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

"I'm delighted to announce this upgrade for Canterbury Boys' High School," Ms Mitchell said. "We're dedicated to providing the very best learning environments at NSW public schools, and our upgrade at Canterbury Boys' High School is a great example of our investment in the students and teachers of this state."

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

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