

Tocal Works on Track

“The Tocal Capital Works Projects funded by the Australian Government’s Education Investment Fund are on track for completion”, Dr Cameron Archer, Principal, Tocal College, said.

“The kitchen is the major part element of the project and while there have been some delays, we are very happy with the quality of the works and the budget”, Dr Archer said.

“The roof tiles for the kitchen extensions were transferred from a farm building at the dairy, so externally, there is an almost seamless transition from the old to the new. The building at the dairy from which the tiles were taken will be converted to a new training centre and the contract for that is currently being finalised.

“The residential supervisor’s accommodation has been completed and we are happy with how it has blended with the existing architecture of the College.

“The adaptive reuse of two cottages on the College will be commencing in September. They will be a great addition to the accommodation on the Campus, allowing us to host short stay school groups and other groups coming to the College for training.

“Great care is being taken with the designs and works because of the architectural importance and history of the campus.

“On another project, excavations at the Bruce Urquhart Skills Centre have been completed and the building of four extra bays will be completed in the next couple of weeks. This will provide undercover areas for all of our horse training”, Dr Archer said.

“All these works are a magnificent addition to the College’s facilities and will stand us in good stead for years to come. The College graduates over 200 people a year in a range of courses and around 100 of these are residential. Graduates of Tocal are in high demand, and find ready employment in rural and related industries”, Dr Archer said.

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