A four-storey building to house 30 nurses and a nurses' training school is to be erected at Gosford District Hospital.

This was revealed yesterday by hospital secretary, Mr. Nevil Boyce.

Mr. Boyce said that the NSW Hospitals Commission had authorised the Board of Directors to have working specifications prepared for the building, and also for extensive renovations to the existing hospital building.

The board had applied to the commission to carry out the renovations so that the existing wards could be modernised and brought into line with the £500,000 extensions now nearing completion.

The board has, in addition to the above approvals, accepted the tender of Mr. J. W. Elms to construct a medical superintendent's residence on the hospital property at a cost of over £8000.

The new nurses' home and training school will be built on the north west side of the existing brick home.

Future development

The nursing training school will be on the lower floor with three floors of ten bedrooms on each floor.

This home is so planned to be later extended to accommodate 100 nurses when the hospital is further developed.

The nurses training school on the lower floor will consist of two lecture rooms, two tutor sisters' offices, demonstration area, utility and sterilizing rooms and service rooms.

Mr. Boyce said approval has been received in the renovation of the old section of the hospital to include two essential services - pathology and physiotherapy.

He said the proposed dental clinic had been deferred for the present.

Renovations

The renovations will include a complete electrical re-wire of the hospital to include overbed lighting, ward lighting, night lighting and a three-station radio system to each bed.

A heating system will be provided to all wards, pantry and day-rooms will be renovated, fly screens fitted and painting both to interior and exterior will be carried out.

The children's ward is to be doubled in size and nurserd as a ward unit to accommodate 16 children.

Additional office accommodation is to be provided for the extra staff needed and a medical records room with compactus units is to be provided.

It is proposed on completion of the building extensions now under way, that all patients be immediately transferred to this unit to allow full scale renovations to be completed as quickly as possible.

The first stage of the development programme is now nearing completion.

This includes the three-storey ward block with direct access to the existing wards in the old section, kitchen block, laundry and boiler house.