



Artist impression of The Forest High School

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Project overview

The Forest High School is part of the re-zoning and planning framework for Frenchs Forest to create a new town centre for the community. The Forest High School will be relocated to a portion of 187 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights. This is located within the current intake area for The Forest High School. Student learning will continue at the current school site until the new facilities are built. The Forest High School relocation project will include modern flexible learning spaces for up to 1500 students; a new library, canteen and administration spaces; a multi-purpose sports and performance hall; new outdoor sports courts and landscaped recreation and outdoor learning spaces.

Response to submissions

The State Significant Development (SSD) application was lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in November 2022 and the public exhibition period closed on 14 December 2022. To view the SSD application go to the DPE website: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-forest-high-school.

Submissions were made from the public to the DPE throughout the public exhibition period. The DPE has requested School Infrastructure NSW prepare a Response to Submissions report. When lodged with DPE, the report will be published on the planning portal: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-forest-high-school.

Progress summary

- An early works contract has been awarded to Antouns Construction Pty Ltd to undertake work approved by Council under a previous development application to demolish McLeod House and establish the site for construction.
- Demolition work under the previous development application will start in late February 2023 and is expected to be completed in mid-2023.
- This demolition work will include:
 - securing the works area
 - demolition of the derelict buildings on the site (McLeod House and ancillary buildings), and
 - remediation activities in works area.
- Work to establish the site for construction will include a site survey and dilapidation report, installation of site facilities and amenities and the installation of temporary fencing around the works area.

Next steps

- DPE will continue to assess the State Significant Development application. The assessment process can take between 6 and 9 months from lodgement.
- School Infrastructure NSW will finalise the detailed design of the school.
- A building contractor will be engaged for the main construction works. A tender has been released and the contract is due to be awarded in mid-2023.
- Should planning consent be granted, construction of the new high school would start following the awarding of the construction contract.

Managing the impact of our work

- Demolition and site establishment work will take place during the approved construction hours of 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays. No work will occur on Sundays or public holidays.
- We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and will minimise impact on the community at every opportunity.
- Noise levels will be managed in accordance with the noise control guidelines that are outlined in the development approval. Noise will be kept to a minimum as much as possible during the demolition of McLeod House.
- Erosion and sediment control, as well as dust management will be in accordance with Council's policies as outlined in the development approval.

For more information visit edu.nsw.link/TheForestHS or scan the QR code.



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