



Artist impression of The Forest High School

The Forest High School relocation

Project update

December 2022

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.

SSD application exhibition period extension

The State Significant Development (SSD) application was lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on Tuesday 15 November 2022. Due to a technical issue on the DPE website late last week, community members were unable to provide feedback on the project via the 'Make a Submission' link. This issue has now been resolved and the DPE have extended the exhibition period until Wednesday 14 December 2022.

The SSD can be viewed on the DPE website: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-forest-high-school.

All feedback on the submission should be made to DPE directly during this period.

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Next steps

- After the public exhibition period ends, DPE will request a Response to Submissions report, which provides an opportunity for the project team to respond to submissions made during the public exhibition of the SSD application. 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.
- DPE will complete their assessment of the planning application and will provide consent conditions if the approval to proceed is granted. The approval process can take between 6 and 9 months.
- Construction of the new high school can start after planning approval has been granted and following the tender process for a construction contractor. As we prepare for establishment onsite and works to start, we will update the community on how we will manage and mitigate impacts of construction.

Frequently asked questions

What is a State Significant Development Application?

State Significant Development (SSD) applications are used for projects that have special significance to the people and State of NSW. The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is responsible for the planning assessment process for SSD applications, rather than local council.

How can I find out more about the SSDA for The Forest High School?

You can find detailed information about the SSD application by going to the DPE website: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-forest-high-school.

How can I provide feedback on the SSD application?

Community feedback on school infrastructure projects is important to us. All feedback on the SSD application should be directed to DPE during the public exhibition period by using the 'Make a Submission' link on the project page of the DPE website: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-forest-high-school.

How can I find out more?

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



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