



Indicative design of the new Bungendore High School

# Bungendore High School

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## Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government’s plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a historic \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to world class public education.

## Project overview

Bungendore High School opened on Day 1 Term 1 2023 in temporary facilities located at Bungendore Public School.

The new permanent high school, due to be built within the Majara / Gibraltar Streets Precinct, will have modern facilities, with 24 classrooms to accommodate approximately 450 students. It will deliver a library, a hall, canteen, sports courts and an agricultural plot.

As part of the project, Bungendore Public School will also receive upgrades, including new classrooms, upgrades to the existing playing field and a new amenities block.

## Progress update

School Infrastructure NSW is amending the current State Significant Development (SSD) Application following a ruling by the Land and Environment Court in December 2023.

The amended SSD application is scheduled to be lodged in May 2024 when a number of additional requirements are due to be completed, including consultation for an updated Social Impact Assessment report and additional site investigation works.

The amended application will keep the permanent Bungendore High School in the same location and footprint at the Majara / Gibraltar Streets Precinct. Once submitted, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure will place it on formal public exhibition allowing time for community submissions.

The Court decision last year determined that landowners’ consent is required from the Minister of Lands and Property (Crown Land) for any elements that involve Crown Land. This includes a

new footpath in Mick Sherd Oval, a new PA system to the war memorial, relocating existing field lights into Mick Sherd Oval, modifying the existing in-ground irrigation at the boundary of Mick Sherd Oval, demolition of the existing swimming pool and the construction of a new school hall and new agricultural plot building and driveway crossing to McCusker Drive.

To deliver the school as fast as possible all of these items will be included in separate planning applications which will be pursued concurrently to the amended SSD.

School Infrastructure NSW acknowledges this administrative error and sincerely apologises to the community for the delay this has caused. The Department remains committed to delivering the new school at its permanent location as soon as possible, which will deliver world-class learning facilities for the current and future students of Bungendore High School.

Following public exhibition of the SSD, School Infrastructure NSW will provide a response to submissions received and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces will make a determination.

Following planning approval, the main works contract will be awarded. Once awarded, more information about the start and completion dates can be provided.

The fence has been realigned to allow access to the Bungendore Pool for the rest of the 2024 swimming season. Discussions are also in progress with Council to allow the pool to remain open for the 2025 swimming season if possible.

## Next steps

School Infrastructure NSW is undertaking further site investigation works and additional consultation to update the Social Impact Assessment report as part of preparing the amended SSD application.

An independent consultant will be preparing the Social Impact Assessment report and will meet with the Queanbeyan-Palarang Regional Council, conduct targeted stakeholder interviews and will distribute an online survey to the community. We encourage you to share your views when the survey is live.

We will continue to update the community and provide information about the public exhibition period as soon as possible.

To stay up to date with project progress visit the Bungendore High School project page: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/new-high-school-in-bungendore.html>

You can also contact us via our community information line and email using the details below. We thank the community for your patience as we deliver this important project.

