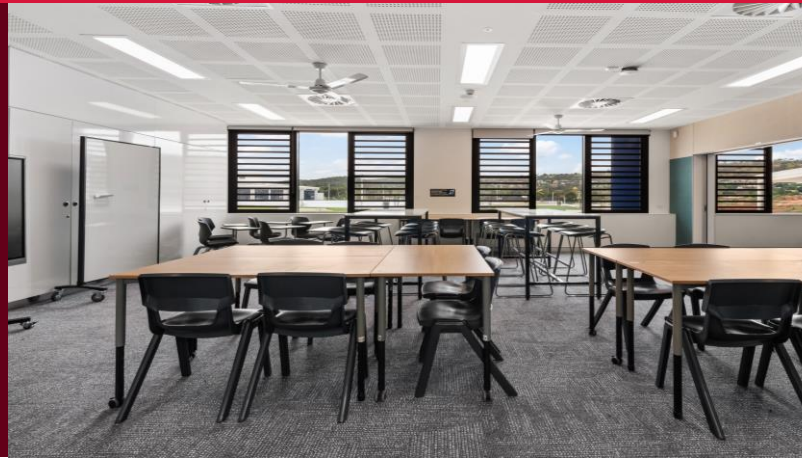


# Bungendore High School Project update | September 2024

Image caption: Example of a modern classroom being delivered in NSW



## Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

## Progress update – new site for Bungendore High School

To ensure a new high school for the Bungendore community can be delivered as quickly as possible, the Department of Education committed to conduct due diligence work to consider alternative site options for the school. This review has determined that an alternative site located at Birchfield Drive presents the most viable location for a new permanent high school.

The new site is shown on the following page.

The Department has now acquired this site and work is commencing immediately on design and planning for the permanent school with goal of opening in early 2027.

The site is located near the residential centre of Bungendore as the town expands in line with plans outlined in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Bungendore Structure Plan 2048.

The new site is larger than the Majara Street site, at around 4 hectares. The new school will be able to accommodate predicted enrolment growth, with demand for public education being higher than previously forecast.

## Next steps

When the concept design for the new permanent school at Birchfield Drive has been developed, an information session will be scheduled, and we will share this with the community.

A planning application will then be lodged. When the planning approval has been granted the main works contract can then be awarded. Once awarded, information about the start and completion dates will be provided.



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## Map of new site



### Progress update – temporary high school site

Bungendore High School has been operational in purpose built temporary facilities within Bungendore Public School since Day 1 Term 1 2023. From Day 1 Term 1 2025 the temporary facilities will be open to students from years 7 to 10.

Due to delays in beginning construction of the permanent school, Bungendore High School will be in temporary facilities longer than originally planned, so the department is working on enhancing the existing temporary school facilities.

We have been working with the school leadership to ensure that students and staff have the best temporary facilities available for learning and teaching until the permanent school is built.

Prior to Day 1, Term 1 2025, more facilities are planned to be incorporated into the existing temporary high school footprint and will include:

- the conversion of the existing hall into a staff study
- the existing staff study will be converted into a classroom
- a new hall which is sized to accommodate the student population
- a new science lab and prep space
- a new support classroom
- a yarning circle
- agricultural facilities (chicken coop and green house)
- upgrade of the existing school playing field.

In time for the 2026 school year, further expansion of the high school will be planned on the existing facilities at the Majara Street site as a temporary solution, while the permanent school is built. Design and planning for this expansion will now commence in consultation with the school leadership. Further updates will be provided to the community on these plans shortly.

Once the new school is complete, the Department will engage with the local community about future uses of the Majara Street site.

Thank you for your patience as we deliver this important school for the community. We will continue to keep the community updated of its progress.

## More information

You can find more information about the project at <https://edu.nsw.link/BungendoreHS> or by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

