



An example of a completed high school learning space

A new high school in Bungendore

Project update

April 2021

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

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.

Progress summary

Since February 2021 the project team has undertaken the following activities in preparation for the new school.

- Works were done on Mick Sherd Oval to relocate the goal posts ahead of the upcoming Winter sport season.
- Detailed surveys were undertaken to ensure the proposed design aligns with the topography of the land. This valuable information informs services, such as stormwater management.
- Geotechnical investigations were also undertaken to give clarity on the material type and strength of the ground.

Next steps

- During April, several noise monitoring devices will be located around Bungendore to record noise levels near the proposed site. These readings will help define the design parameters of the project.
- Consultation is underway with members of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) with a site visit with AECG representatives and the design team being held in April.

Want to know more?

Speak to the project team at an upcoming information booth:

Date:
Tuesday, 11 May

Time:
3:30pm to 5:30pm

Location:
Bungendore Public School hall

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Frequently asked questions

How was this site selected?

- A 12-month site due diligence process was undertaken and over 1000 hectares of land was assessed.
- Each site was assessed based on its suitability to support the needs of the project. This included availability of services such as sewerage, electricity, and roads, the accessibility of the site and environmental constraints such as bushfire, ecological impacts, and flooding.
- A public expression of interest (EOI) was initiated as a site was not initially found that met the needs of the project.
- Three submissions were received for proposed locations through the EOI process, these were investigated thoroughly and unfortunately, also found to not be suitable for this project.
- Following the due diligence process, the Majara/Gibraltar Streets precinct was identified as the most suitable location.
- Consultation also occurred with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) and 18 stakeholder groups, who use Mick Sherd Oval.
- The preferred site has many advantages as it is:
 - well situated being in the centre of town with excellent access to the core population of Bungendore
 - has multiple street frontages for easy access
 - allows for the potential for shared facilities with the rest of the community
 - is next to the local primary school, which allows for the creation of a co-located educational campus.

What is being done in regards to traffic management at the new school?

- As part of normal school project planning processes, additional traffic studies have been undertaken. Please find a summary on the project webpage. The full traffic study will be submitted as part of the SSDA.
- These studies include pedestrian footpaths, bus bays, parking and kiss and drops to both the primary and high schools.

What is happening to Mick Sherd Oval and Bungendore Park?

- Consultation has occurred with QPRC and several stakeholders of Mick Sherd Oval.
- There will be a low fence to separate the school grounds from Mick Sherd Oval. Mick Sherd Oval will not be fenced and will be available to the community for use outside of school hours.
- As part of the new high school development, Mick Sherd Oval has been realigned.
- This green space will be available to the public outside of school hours, and available for community events.
- The War Memorial will still be openly accessible at all times.
- The Balladeers Place Memorial and rotunda is proposed to be relocated to Frogs Hollow Reserve, Tarago Road.
- The existing pool is reaching the end of its useful life and will be demolished to make way for the new high school hall. A new pool will be built at the new Bungendore Sports Hub by QPRC.
- We will carefully consider the needs of the community and stage the project so as to remove the existing pool with the least amount of inconvenience.
- As part of the proposal, the Department of Education will contribute capital funds to QPRC specifically towards the development of the new pool.
- The Department of Education will continue to investigate as part of the due diligence process if there are any historically significant trees.

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