



Artist impression of new high school in Bungendore. Indicative only and subject to change.

# A new high school in Bungendore

## Project update

December 2021

### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 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

The master planning, concept and schematic design phases are now complete.

A State Significant Development (SSD) application for the project was lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in September 2021 and was on exhibition on the DPIE planning portal from 20 September to 18 October 2021. The Environmental Impact Statement and supporting documents which are part of the SSD application can be viewed at: [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/41186](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/41186).

During the exhibition period 321 submissions were received. Providing the community and stakeholders with an opportunity for formal feedback is an important part of NSW's planning process. We welcome everyone's submissions.

The project team is working on the response to submissions and this will be submitted to DPIE. The project's design will continue to be refined as needed in order to incorporate some of the feedback provided in the submissions.

We will notify the community when main construction works are likely to start once approval has been received from DPIE. It is anticipated that the new high school will be completed in 2023, subject to planning approval.

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### Upgrades at Bungendore Public School

Bungendore Public School will also receive upgrades as part of the new high school project. These upgrades include the existing playing field, a new amenities block and new field lighting. Additional teaching spaces are also to be constructed. The upgrade to the playing field will provide an opportunity for community use outside of school hours.

The upgrades to the public school are separate to the SSD application lodged with DPIE in September 2021. A number of planning pathways will be used for the public school upgrades specific to each item of work.

For the upgrade to the playing field, this will be through a Development Application (DA) to Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council. Further information will be provided to the community about the status of the DA, and also prior to any works starting. The amenities block is exempt development and does not require a DA.

### Soil testing

In September 2021, Transport for NSW advised the Department of Education that lead contamination had been identified in the soil along the rail corridor in Bungendore. Transport for NSW is investigating and is providing updates to the community about its findings.

As part of the planning for the new high school, School Infrastructure NSW has undertaken soil testing, with laboratory results indicating that there are no elevated levels of hazardous substances, including lead, within the proposed project site. However, like any construction project, the main works contractor is required to manage the site and any contamination or hazardous materials that may be found in accordance with the relevant standards and protocols to ensure that there is no risk to the local community.

For further questions in relation to rail infrastructure in the Bungendore area, please call 1800 491 566 to speak to the Transport for NSW project team or email [bungendore.info@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bungendore.info@transport.nsw.gov.au).

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