



New primary school in Estella, Wagga Wagga

Project update

March 2020

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Our work to deliver new and upgraded schools for New South Wales is essential to the future learning needs of our students. We will continue working to deliver these important projects.

New primary school in Estella, Wagga Wagga

We are building a new primary school in Estella, Wagga Wagga to accommodate up to 480 students. The site for the new school will be integrated with the Charles Sturt University campus. The school will be located on Estella Road, opposite Gunn Drive.

The new school will include:

- 16 flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall and canteen
- a covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- administration and staff facilities.

Progress summary

Detailed design for the school is complete, and the Development Application (DA) for early works has been approved by Wagga Wagga City Council. Main construction works will follow, subject to approval of our State Significant Development application.

From April 2020, early works at the school will start. This includes site establishment, fencing, installing site sheds, and bulk earthworks.

Work hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

How we communicate

Community information sessions scheduled for 18 March 2020 were postponed. We are temporarily changing some of the ways we keep you informed to account for social distancing measures.

This project update will provide you with the most current information on this project. We encourage you to contact us via our community information line and email if you have further questions.

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Frequently asked questions

Will street parking be impacted during construction?

There will be minimal impact on street parking as there will be parking available on site for workers. We work proactively to identify potential issues and put in place measures to reduce any impact on the local community.

When will the school be complete?

The project is expected to be completed in early 2021. We will start the main works once we receive State Significant Development approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

What is the school catchment area?

The catchment area will be determined closer to the opening of the school. School catchments are decided in consultation with local Principals and P&C organisations and are based on population and other demographic information. Once decided, the enrolment area for the new school will be available on the School Finder website <https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>.

Will the new school catchment area affect the neighbouring enrolment areas?

If changes to neighbouring school catchment boundaries/enrolment areas are needed, the Department of Education work closely with school staff and communities to inform them and help them plan for any boundary realignments.

How will the school integrate with Charles Sturt University?

We are exploring potential joint use arrangements with Wagga Wagga City Council and Charles Sturt University.

What is 'joint use'?

Joint use is where an asset is typically shared between the school and the other parties over an extended period of time, or the lifetime of the asset. These projects are voluntary and intended to be of mutual benefit to all parties while ensuring student safety and access to the facilities.