

# Gables new primary school

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### 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 \$3.6 billion for new and upgraded schools in Western Sydney. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

### Project overview

The project will deliver a new three-storey public primary school and preschool on a site located between Fontana Drive and Cataract Road at 1 Pennant Way in Gables. It will include 44 classrooms and 3 support learning classes for around 1,000 students, as well as a hall, library, and administration facilities.

As part of the NSW Government's commitment to deliver expanded access to early childhood education, planning for this school will include an on-site public preschool.

The new public preschool at Gables new primary school will be among the 100 public preschools to be built across NSW by 2027, pending building and regulatory approvals. More details about the opening timeframes, size, and operation of the public preschool, including how to enrol, will be shared as they become available.

### Progress summary

We have now started the statutory planning process which will tell us what specialist environmental and consultant reports we will need to prepare to inform the planning application for the project.

These reports will be available for community review once the application for planning approval is placed on public exhibition.

### Next steps

The schematic design for the new primary school at Gables will be developed. The schematic design includes a complete description of the building systems including structural, mechanical, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical, as well as the interior and exterior building finishes.

During the schematic design phase, we consider further input from school operations and other stakeholders to finalise the form of buildings and functionality of internal spaces.



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## How can I get involved?

As the project progresses, we will share details with the community for feedback. A dedicated project page has been published on the School Infrastructure NSW website, which is updated as the project progresses: <https://edu.nsw.link/GablesPS>

You can also contact us via our community information line and email on the details below.

## Gables new primary school

Planning funding has been allocated for a new primary school in Gables. The information below takes you through the journey of upgrading or building a new school.

### Early planning

- Consideration and studies of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of the existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, heritage requirements, transport links and partnership opportunities.
- Doing so means that we:
  - consider the needs of the local area now and into the future.
  - ensure the right school is designed for the community.
- An important step before an architect or other contractors are appointed and official community engagement commences.

### Planning

- Consultants such as architects and project managers are appointed.
- Investigation and review of site and development of master plan options.
- Master planning considers options for the general size, shape and form of buildings for a specific school site.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) is established.
- Operational, educational and service delivery factors are understood and considered by the PRG.
  - A series of preliminary master plan options are considered along with the educational concept and design for the school.
  - A preferred concept design option is identified.
  - Once a preferred option is identified approval is needed in order to progress from planning through to project delivery.



### Delivery

- The construction works program to deliver the upgrade to the school is developed in collaboration with the school and where appropriate, the local community.
- Ongoing consultation with Principal, staff and other school users.
- Throughout detailed design and construction updates are provided to the local community.

### Approvals

- Workshops continue with school and local community to understand challenges and constraints and identify future requirements.
- Engagement of technical specialists, local councils and other government agencies.
- Statutory planning approval process.
  - Opportunity for local community to view and provide feedback upon submission of the Development Application.
- Scope of work and concept design is further defined.