



Image of recently built school

Glenwood High School

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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.

Project overview

A project to upgrade Glenwood High School is underway to provide improved education facilities to support the growing student community.

Subject to development consent, the project will deliver new flexible learning spaces, a new performance space, additional staff facilities, refurbished learning spaces, and improved outdoor learning spaces.

Progress summary

Our architects and planners are finalising the concept design in consultation with the department's technical stakeholder group. The concept design will be shared with the school and local community in Term 4 2021.

The statutory planning approval process is under way. The project is considered a State Significant Development (SSD) and therefore the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will assess the development application.

A request to DPIE for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project has been submitted. In response to the SEARs request, the Planning Secretary will issue the environmental assessment requirements for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will form part of the State Significant Development Application for the project.

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Next steps

Once the concept design has been finalised, the project will move into the schematic design phase. The schematic design will confirm the:

- Look and feel of the buildings
- Internal layouts and room configurations
- Transport and access solutions.

Once complete, the schematic design will be submitted with the development application to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for planning approval

How can I get involved?

We have engaged a consultant to prepare a Social Impact Assessment (SIA). The SIA is a technical study that considers the impacts and benefits of a particular project on a community. It aims to develop measures to enhance benefits for the community and to mitigate, manage, or minimise potential negative impacts. As part of this SIA, we are conducting community and stakeholder consultation.

Share with us what's important to you by completing our online survey before 4 October 2021.

The QR code below will take you to the survey or go online to: <https://www.research.net/r/glenwoodhighschool>



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Frequently asked questions

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, comments, or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.

Additionally, once the development application is lodged, it will be placed on public exhibition and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

What is a State Significant Development and its statutory planning approval process?

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) requires development approval from the NSW Government to proceed with the project. The formal process of gaining this approval is called the statutory planning approval process. DPIE is responsible for managing the statutory planning approval for this project. This is because it is a State Significant Development (SSD).

A SSD is a development of particular significance to the people and state of NSW. The approval process for a SSD is different to that of other types of development. It involves requesting the SEARs and then preparing an EIS in response to these requirements.

What are SEARs?

The SEARs are the set of terms by which DPIE will assess SINSW's application for planning approval. The SEARs are prepared by DPIE to ensure the impacts of the project are properly described and understood. DPIE consults with other relevant government departments and agencies to prepare the SEARs. To satisfy the SEARs, SINSW must prepare a document called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

What future consultation is planned for the local community about the upgrades?

During the SSD process the application, along with the EIS will be placed on public exhibition and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the project proposal.

What is an EIS?

An EIS provides a comprehensive description of the project's environmental, social and economic impacts. It includes detailed information on the project scope and design plans. Once the EIS is submitted to DPIE, it will be placed on public exhibition and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the project proposal. Community feedback will be used by DPIE to inform approval and any consent conditions.

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