



Artist impression of integrated schools at Lachlan's Line (subject to change)

# Macquarie Park Education Campus

Planning update

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## Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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.

## Macquarie Park Education Campus

The NSW Government has committed to the development of an education campus in Macquarie Park, a suburb in the local government area of the City of Ryde. The new education campus will include a new primary school and a new high school to meet the needs of a growing population.

## Progress summary

Planning is underway for the project, which involves analysing demographic trends and educational needs, due diligence studies, site investigations, design work, transport analysis, and exploring partnership opportunities for the campus.

Through the planning process, we have identified Lachlan's Line as the preferred site for the education campus. Lachlan's Line is located between Macquarie Park and North Ryde Metro stations in the City of Ryde and the site is owned by Landcom, the NSW Government's land and property development organisation.

To help meet the challenge of changing demographics, School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) is considering innovative options to deliver new schools in specific situations where accessing land is difficult. For the Macquarie Park Education Campus, we are proposing an integrated development, which would mean acquiring the Lachlan's Line site from Landcom and partnering with the private sector to deliver the schools as part of a wider development. This may include mixed-use residential and commercial offerings, together with the new schools.

We recently launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) application process for developers to register their interest in partnering with us to deliver this project.

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## NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

Under the integrated development approach, the Department of Education would operate the new schools and through its planning process, SINSW would ensure the best value and outcome for the community is achieved, and that the schools are designed at the heart of the new community.

### Next steps

We will soon submit a business case to NSW Treasury to seek government approval to proceed with the campus. The business case investigates multiple delivery methods that could be used to build the educational campus. The plans being considered include a traditional delivery, where School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) obtains land for the new schools and works directly with architects and construction contractors to build the school.

While this is happening, the EOI for potential development partners will be open until late 2022. Once this closes we will then assess the applications and decide on the best way to deliver the education campus.

Once the business case is approved, NSW Treasury will release the funds to continue design work, the statutory planning process, and start the construction phase for the project.

## Additional information

### Integrated development schools

Partnering with other government agencies and the private sector to plan and deliver schools as part of an integrated development could help reduce land costs and allow schools to be a shared community feature of newly established precincts.

This approach aims to encourage innovation in design and construction and increase opportunities to share publicly owned school facilities with the wider community.

The integrated development approach is being considered for several urban schools across NSW. To learn more about this approach, visit [Integrated development schools](#) or scan the QR code.



### Guaranteeing a quality learning experience

All new schools must meet the department's specific design requirements. We are developing guidelines for the delivery of integrated schools to ensure that schools can effectively deliver the curriculum, with learning outcomes at the forefront of the integrated school model.

These design principles and guidelines will incorporate lessons learned from both in NSW and around the world. They will also be aligned to a range of existing policies and guidelines that help us build great schools.

### Deciding the location for the new campus

A number of options were considered for primary and high school sites, including the former site of Peter Board High School. Based on the studies undertaken by SINSW in the planning stage, we identified Lachlan's Line as the preferred site for the Macquarie Park Education Campus because it is considered the best option to address the service need.

### Get involved

We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best learning facilities for students. As the project progresses, we will share details with the community. A dedicated project page has been published on the [SINSW website](#) which will be kept updated. You can also scan the QR code or contact us via our community information line and email on the details below.



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