

Macquarie Park Education Campus Project update | February 2023

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.

Project overview

The new education campus at Lachlan's Line, Macquarie Park will include a new primary school and a new high school to meet the needs of a growing population.

The project forms part of a broader strategy of investment in the Ryde area to cater for predicted enrolment growth. The investment also includes Midtown Macquarie Park new primary school and an upgrade to Ryde Secondary College.

Progress summary

We are pleased to announce that the business case for the Macquarie Park Education Campus has been approved by the NSW Government. The project now has approval to proceed.

We have identified a number of suitable future development partners to deliver the campus through the Expression of Interest EOI process which recently closed.

Next steps

We will invite shortlisted future development partners to submit proposals to build the new schools as part of an integrated development.

Over the coming months, we will assess the proposals to ensure the best outcome for the community and the government. As the project progresses, we will share more details with the community.

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Additional Information

Integrated development of 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 <u>integrated development schools</u> or scan the QR code:



Guaranteeing a quality learning experience

The Department of Education will operate the new schools at the Macquarie Park Education Campus.

All new schools must meet the department's specific design requirements. We are also 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 NSW and around the world. They will also be aligned to a range of existing policies and guidelines that help us build great schools.

Get involved

We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best learning facilities for students. A dedicated project page has been published on the SINSW website which will be kept updated: edu.nsw.link/MPEC



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