

# Midtown Macquarie Park new primary school 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 NSW Government is increasing its investment in public education infrastructure, with funding for 23 new and upgraded school projects announced as part of the NSW 2022/23 Budget. This includes a new primary school as part of the Midtown Macquarie Park development to meet anticipated enrolment growth in the area.

Midtown is a new neighbourhood being built in Macquarie Park that will include housing, community facilities, retail, and green space.

The new primary school will accommodate 750 students from kindergarten to year 6 and will provide flexible learning spaces, administration and staff facilities, a canteen, a library, a multipurpose hall, a covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and landscaped outdoor learning areas.

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

## **Progress summary**

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

## **Next steps**

The project to build the new school is considered to be a State Significant Development (SSD) and so the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will assess the development application for the project.

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We will soon start the planning process for the project by submitting a request to DPE for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs will advise the studies to include for the project's SSD application to receive development approval.

We will also finish the schematic design process for the new school which will finalise the form of buildings and functionality of internal spaces. We look forward to sharing the design of the new school with the community soon.

### 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 School Infrastructure NSW website at edu.nsw.link/MacquarieParkNPS



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



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