

Meadowbank Education Precinct

Community Update Newsletter – December 2018

NEW FACILITIES FOR:			DEMOLITION	CONSTRUCTION STARTS	CONSTRUCTION ENDS
1,000	1,500	120	DEC 2018 TO MID 2019	2019	2021
PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS	INTENSIVE ENGLISH CENTRE STUDENTS			

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government's 2018/19 Budget includes \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. A further \$160 million has also been invested as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The Precinct

NSW Department of Education has been working with TAFE NSW to create the Meadowbank Education Precinct. The Precinct will provide opportunities for educational pathways to be created for students from kindergarten right through to completing a bachelor degree or diploma at TAFE NSW.

The primary school and high school will incorporate flexible contemporary learning spaces. TAFE NSW Meadowbank will be transformed into the State's first technology-focused TAFE delivering training to support industry needs.

Start of work

Site establishment has already begun for demolition work for the new school site.

You may have seen activity on site like:

- Delivery of materials
- Erecting construction fencing and hoarding
- Environmental and tree protection work
- Installing the site office and work sheds.

Demolition is scheduled to begin later in December and work hours will be between 7am and 5pm Monday to Saturday.

We will make sure this work is completed as safely and efficiently as possible. Minimising impacts on the community at every opportunity is our priority, particularly the neighbouring residents and businesses as well as the TAFE NSW Meadowbank community.



Demolition on the new school site

Demolition has started on the northern part of the TAFE NSW Meadowbank site and is expected to continue until June 2019. The timing of the activities below are indicative and may change due to weather and/or unforeseen circumstances.



We've heard your feedback

Feedback from the schools and the community has helped us understand some of the issues that are important to you. We have incorporated your ideas and feedback where possible and are continuing to consider a number of the issues that have been raised. We will continue to consult and listen to your feedback as we progress with the design.

Changes we've made using your feedback

A chicken coup and friendship tree included in the outdoor spaces at the primary school	Incorporation of Wallamattagal Learning Centre	Special needs learning spaces and learning support rooms
Integration of natural ventilation with airconditioning	Outdoor covered areas for wet weather and shade from the sun	Entry forecourt design adjustments allowing better community access
Separation of high school and primary school spaces	Design modifications in the drop off and pick up zones	Each school will have a dedicated hall, canteen, library and entry area. Improved functional layout
Lifts located to suit efficient movement of students throughout the building	Perimeter security in line with security design principles for student safety	Location of OSHC on the site
Location of the gym is now street side to allow access after hours	Inclusion of an all-weather seven a side football field	More ground level play space for primary school students

Things we are still considering

Integration of a sustainable travel plan including a variety of ways students will get to school	Spaces for structured and non-structured play	Storage space locations for sport, arts and music
Collaborative science labs	Location of toilets, bubbler/bottle refill stations	Improved access to the train station in collaboration with TAFE NSW
Traffic and parking requirements. We are working to address traffic issues from Victoria Road and other surrounding streets	Shape and sizing of the school halls	Accessibility requirements

More questions

We included answers to many frequently asked questions in previous updates (you can view them online schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au). Below we have highlighted some of the frequently asked questions raised during community engagement.

Population growth

The Meadowbank Education Precinct is just one part of a major plan to cater for population growth in Ryde and across NSW. School projects in Ryde and its surrounds include the Macquarie Park Education Precinct and a new primary school at Smalls Road, as well as upgrades for West Ryde Public School, Denistone East Public School and Kent Road Public School.

What will happen to the zoning/catchment of the area?

The Meadowbank Education Precinct is currently in the catchment zone for both Marsden High School and Meadowbank Public School. There are no plans to change this – but zoning is reviewed regularly, and zone changes are made if there are significant population changes.

Why not keep Marsden High School open as well as open a new school?

The existing school buildings at Marsden High School can't be easily modified and there are many demountable classrooms. Relocating Marsden High School to the Meadowbank Education Precinct means teachers and students will have access to new contemporary teaching facilities and flexible learning spaces.

Is TAFE NSW Meadowbank closing?

No, TAFE NSW Meadowbank is not closing. TAFE NSW Meadowbank will continue to operate.

Meadowbank Education Precinct – early artist's impressions

The project team is continuing to develop the concept design. The artist's impressions give a sense of what the new schools at the Meadowbank Education Precinct will look like.

Artist's impression of the new schools at the Meadowbank Education Precinct



Next steps

We are committed to working together with our school communities, TAFE NSW and other stakeholders. Your feedback on this exciting project is important to us.

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