



Artist impression of the new Meadowbank Precinct Communal Hall

# Meadowbank Public School

## Everything you need to know for starting at the new school site

March 2022

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.

Your new Meadowbank Public School facilities will include:



Flexible, multi-purpose learning spaces



Dedicated primary school library



A hall with Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facilities



Open and green space for sporting and recreation activities



Access to primary, secondary and vocational education and training at one campus

# Project overview

---

In Term 2, 2022, Meadowbank Public School will start teaching and learning from new purpose-built facilities located at 6 Rhodes Street, Meadowbank.

The new Meadowbank Public School is located alongside Marsden High School. The primary and high school facilities will continue to operate as separate schools in their new location.

Side by side, the schools will form a connected education community, supporting students to achieve their potential throughout their school years.

The new school facilities will cater for 1000 primary school students, 1500 secondary school students and a further 120 Intensive English Centre students.

The new Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct will have education at its heart while also connecting students to training and employment opportunities with local industry and the surrounding community.



Image of the Central Spine, painted by local Indigenous woman, Jasmine Seymour

## Relieving Principal's message

---

I am delighted to be welcoming all our students and parents to the new Meadowbank Public School site. It has been an absolute privilege to be a part of this exciting new development which will provide the opportunity for our students to undertake their primary, secondary, and vocational education at the one campus.

We are eager to be getting settled into our new innovative learning spaces and making use of the incredible new facilities that will be available.

We look forward to meeting you all on Day 1 Term 2 2022!

## Term 2 2022 works

---

All of the new learning spaces and facilities will be open and ready for all students (K-6) to move in from Day 1 Term 2 2022.

# Back to school in Term 2 2022

---

## Where is the new Meadowbank Public School located?

The new school facilities are located at 6 Rhodes Street, Meadowbank. The main school entry on Rhodes Street will be accessible for both pedestrians, bus services and drops off.

## Tours of the new school

Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will be delighted to offer parents and students tours of the new site in 2022, ahead of Day 1 Term 2. Please note these tours will be subject to COVID restrictions. We are excited to invite the students to experience the new school in the week of the 21 March 2022. We are also hosting information sessions for parents to see the new school.

## When do children return to school?

Meadowbank Public School children will begin school at the new education precinct at 8:45 am on Wednesday 27th April 2022. The first day only will have a staggered start to allow for students to find their class and teacher. Students will go to class and parents are welcome to visit the canteen for coffee and tea.

- 8:45 am Year 5/6 students and their parents
- 9:00 am Year 3/4 students and their parents
- 9:15 am Year 1/2 students and their parents
- 9:30 am Kindergarten students and their parents

# What to expect on Day 1 Term 2 2022

---

## Welcome to the new Meadowbank Public School site

The first day at the new school site will be exciting for everyone. Guides will be on site at the main entry to Meadowbank Public School on Rhodes Street to help you navigate the site. Information packs and maps will be provided on the first day to the Meadowbank Primary School community.

## Where do I go?

Guides will also be in place around the school to direct students to the main entrance of the school. Please review the following important information for your first day back at school.

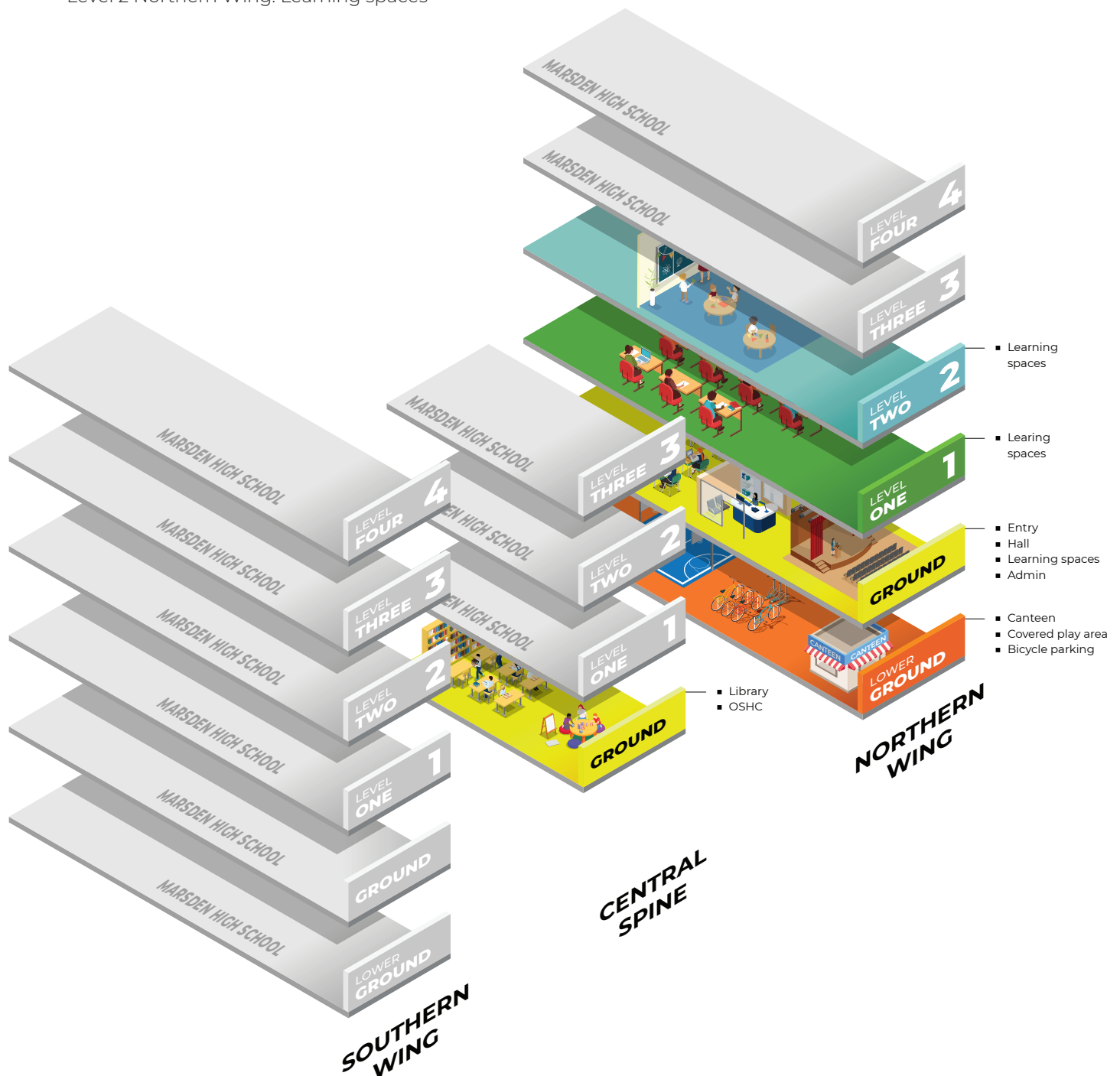
1. Enter the main entrance at 6 Rhodes Street.
2. Staff will meet students at the front of the school and then escort them to the Gymnasium where they will be seated in class groups.
3. The Principal's welcome will cover key information about your new school and students will be issued with their timetables
4. Each class will then be escorted to their dedicated Learning Hub level and given a tour of the new spaces.



# What is on each level?

Learning spaces for Meadowbank Primary School are located on the first three levels of the Northern Wing as well as the ground floor of the Central Wing as shown on the map below.

- Playground Level Northern Wing: Covered play area
- Carpark Level Northern Wing: Canteen
- Ground Level Central Wing: Meadowbank Public School library
- Ground Level Northern Wing: Meadowbank Public School entry, school hall and learning spaces, Administration and OSHC.
- Level 1 Northern Wing: Learning spaces
- Level 2 Northern Wing: Learning spaces



## Flexible learning spaces

---

The new school facilities will incorporate flexible learning spaces with moveable furniture and adaptable room configurations. Each major learning space is equipped with whiteboards and pinboards on walls and doors, and new digital learning resources.



## Recreational spaces

---

The new school facilities offer a variety of outdoor areas, including covered and open air spaces. Students have access to covered outdoor learning spaces on each floor, and an undercover multi-sport court on the playground level. The hall on the Ground Floor level provides the flexibility of a complete indoor space, or opening up to the covered outdoor areas at the entrance to the school.

The playground consists of a covered multi-purpose sports courts and outdoor spaces. There is outdoor play equipment for the various student age groups.

The hall is a state-of-the-art facility that supports multifaceted use for school assemblies and all school events, with a stage and production equipment.

## Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

---

There is a dedicated office and storeroom for the OSHC on the Ground Floor, adjacent to the hall. The OSHC details and operating hours are: Monday to Friday 7 am to 8:45 am and 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm.

## Spaces for collaboration

---

Community and connection are core values of Meadowbank Public School. The new school facilities provide opportunities to gather the school community in the school hall, and new outdoor and undercover spaces.

Increased space allows families, teachers, and students to work together to ensure students can achieve their potential.

The new location provides opportunities to work alongside Marsden High School, to build a relationship that supports students as they progress from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

# Access and transport

Access to Meadowbank Public School is via Rhodes Street. The high school has a separate entrance set back from Rhodes Street, near Mellor Street. The school start times will be staggered between the schools to reduce the numbers of students gathering in the same place at the same time. The public school start time is 8:45 am.

The new school location is well connected and easily accessed by walking, cycling and public transport. Active and public transport is highly recommended. Parking on local streets is limited and time restricted.

Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School support sustainably and environmentally friendly transport practices. We strongly encourage our school community to walk or ride a bicycle to school with supervision.

## Travel Access Guide

As the new school location is well connected and easily accessed by walking, cycling and public transport. Active and public transport are highly recommended, particularly as local parking is limited. A clear plan for kiss and drop has been outlined with the school communities although walking, cycling and using public transport to access the new school is largely encouraged. A comprehensive guide to accessing the new school has been completed and distributed to the school communities. This is available on the Meadowbank Public School website found here: [meadowbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html](http://meadowbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html)

## Active modes

The shared path for both cycling and pedestrian access along Bowden, Rhodes and Macpherson streets provides safe access to and from the school. We have also upgraded the footpath on Squire Street to provide safe access.

## Cycling and scooters

The new school facilities cater for safe areas for students to store their bikes and scooters during the school day. To support cycling and scooting to school, 100 spaces with racks are provided for bicycles, and 42 scooter spaces for primary school students. The bike storage is located on the Playground Level, accessible via the entry on Rhodes Street, with a dedicated bike and scooter path.

## Walking

The public domain improvement works have been delivered to help teachers, students, and visitors safely access the new school buildings, as well as improve local amenity.

Pedestrian access is available along student specific shared paths along Bowden and Macpherson streets. Students also have the option of walking from Meadowbank Train Station, which takes about 5 minutes via See Street. New pedestrian crossings have been installed across both Bowden and Macpherson streets.

## Train

Meadowbank Train Station is the closest station and within walking distance of the new school so is the preferred station.

West Ryde Station is also located near the school and is serviced by buses directly to the school in the school bus zones on Rhodes and Macpherson streets. For further details on Travel, please refer to the [Travel Access Guide](#).



## Bus

Dedicated school buses, as well as buses for school excursions and events, will stop at the new bus zones on Rhodes and Macpherson streets.

Several bus services also stop on Victoria Road at Bowden Street, a short walk from the new school entrance. Please ensure you cross roads safely and use the approved pedestrian paths.

## Car

Dedicated kiss and drop spaces are located on Rhodes Street. We strongly encourage parents to consider active transport to and from school. A new school provides a great opportunity to initiate new travel behaviours to get to and from school.



# Frequently asked questions

## Is there a drop-off and pick-up zone?

Yes, there is a kiss and drop area on Rhodes Street. As the school is highly serviced and accessible by both public transport and pedestrian access, it is recommended that parents do not drive to the school as surrounding street parking is limited. You may stop for a maximum of 2 minutes and must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle in the kiss and drop area.

## How will I know where to go on Day 1 Term 2?

Guides will be on site on the first day to help you find your way around the school and familiarise yourself with the new school. Meadowbank Public School staff will also be there to support students. It will be an exciting day and the staff cannot wait to show you around the new school.

## What happens if I arrive late?

Students that arrive late to school are expected to report to the Meadowbank Public School administration desk at the main entry to the school on Rhodes Street. The gate has a camera and intercom.

## Where is the canteen?

The Canteen area is located on the 'C' Level, above the undercover basketball court which is on the Playground Level. The canteen area has access to undercover seating areas. Please see the Map for further details.

The canteen will be operating 5 days per week for online lunch orders via [myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank](https://myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank).

## Is there a map to show me where to go?

Yes, the map provided with this pack is designed to assist students orientate themselves around their new school campus. Guides will also be on site for the first day of school to help students find their way around.

## What bus services are available?

There are several bus services that access the school regularly as well as additional services in peak hours. For further information on the bus timetables and locations please see the [Travel Access Guide](#) or use the Trip Planner at [transportnsw.info/trip](https://transportnsw.info/trip). Please note the latest bus routes and times will be available on the Trip Planner website from the end of term 1.

## Frequently asked questions (continued)

### Where is the sick bay?

The sick bay is located in the administration area of the school on Ground Floor. This is found near the entrance to the public school on Rhodes Street.

### How will my child know which room to go to on the first day?

Plans are underway to provide students with a tour of the new school and facilities later in Term 1. This is an opportunity to start to get familiar with the location of the new facilities and how to get to school. Tours of the school will be available for parents and students in week 9 of the school term.

On the first day of school, guides will be in place around the school to direct students to the main entrance of the school and be provided relevant information to assist them to settle in. Access to the primary school is on Rhodes Street. Guides will be waiting to direct students to the school hall for the principal's welcome, which will cover key information about your new school. Each class will then be escorted to their dedicated Learning Hub level.

### Where is the uniform shop?

The uniform shop is located in the Administration area on the Ground Floor off Rhodes Street and is easily accessible for parents and students. Order online [myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank](https://myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank).

### Will before and after school care be provided?

The school hall is setup to accommodate Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) facilities.

### When are the break times?

Day of the week	Bell time	Reason
Monday-Friday	8:15 am	Morning Duty
Monday-Friday	8:45 am	Start of day
Tuesday	9:15 am to 9:45 am	Scripture
Monday-Friday	10:45 am to 11:15 am	Recess
Monday-Friday	12:45 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch
Monday-Friday	2:45 pm	End of day

### How will interactions between with the high school be managed?

Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School will continue to operate as separate primary and secondary schools in dedicated and separated spaces. Each school will have their own facilities, including entrances, offices, libraries, outdoor spaces, canteens, toilets and play spaces.

The playground areas will be separated by a fence, creating a physical barrier between students. An established garden between the external staircases separates the primary and high schools.

Start and finish times will be staggered between the schools to reduce the number of students gathering in the same place and the same time.

### Can my child enrol at Marsden High School once they finish at primary school?

Yes, all local enrolments that live in the Meadowbank Primary School intake area are eligible to be enrolled at Marsden High School. For enrolments with Marsden High School please use the school finder to confirm eligibility found here: [schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au](https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au).

### Meadowbank Primary School

Address: 6 Rhodes Street, Meadowbank NSW 2114

Phone: 02 9809 3648

Email: [meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)