

Meadowbank Public School

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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.

We are relocating Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School to the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct. The precinct will cater for 1,000 primary school students, 1,500 secondary school students and a further 120 Intensive English Centre students.

The new facilities for Meadowbank Public School will deliver:



Flexible, multi-purpose learning spaces



Dedicated primary and high school libraries



A hall with Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facilities



Open green space for sporting and recreation activities



Facilities shared with the local community



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

A new home for Meadowbank Public School

In Term 2, 2022, Meadowbank Public School is moving to new, purpose-built facilities located on Rhodes Street, Meadowbank.

This is a historic moment for Meadowbank Public School, providing new opportunities for collaboration and flexibility for the growing school community.

The new Meadowbank Public School is located alongside Marden High School. The primary and high school facilities will be fully separated and 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.

Message from the Principal

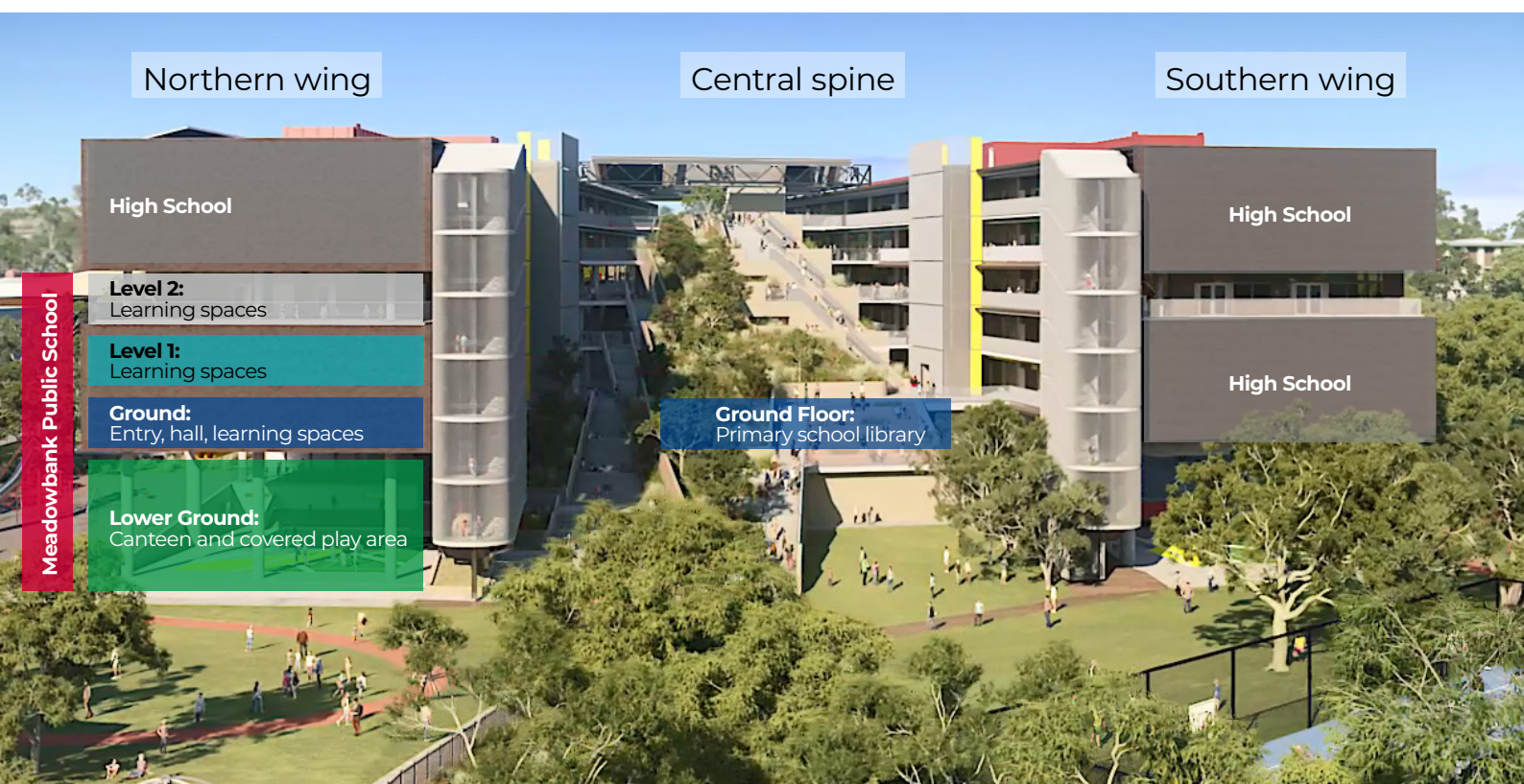
We are excited about the relocation of our school to the new facilities on Rhodes street, and the many new opportunities that it will bring to our close-knit school community.

Meadowbank Public School is an innovative, vibrant and community focussed school. The new collaborative spaces will support our commitment to bringing staff, students and parents together to deliver inclusive learning in a nurturing environment.

Flexible, technology-rich learning spaces will allow our dedicated, caring staff to continue to provide a broad range of differentiated learning opportunities to meet the needs of all students. Staff can provide quality evidence-based learning in literacy and numeracy using a range of technology to enhance student engagement and support learning across all stages.

I look forward to working with our staff, students and our P&C in our brand-new facilities in 2022.

Jenni Cope
Principal, Meadowbank Public School





Artist impression of a flexible learning space

Your new school building

The new school facilities are located at 6 Rhodes Street, Meadowbank.

The primary and high school facilities are fully separated with their own entrances, offices, libraries, canteens, uniform shops and outdoor spaces.

Meadowbank Public School is located in the lower three floors of the northern wing of the building.

The dedicated primary school library is located on the ground floor in the central spine that joins the two wings.

An open staircase is located through the centre of the two wings, allowing outdoor access from all floors.

An established garden separates the primary and high schools through the middle of the staircase, providing a green outlook from learning spaces.

Flexible learning

Flexible learning spaces allow students to learn in new ways using technology-rich teaching spaces for one-to-one, small groups and whole of class activities.

Spaces can be rearranged, separated and connected, allowing teachers to plan learning and teach together to better meet the needs of students.

Space for collaboration

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

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

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

Outdoor spaces

The new school facilities will offer multiple outdoor spaces for learning and play, including covered and open air spaces.

Several covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs) and covered outdoor spaces will be available for learning and for play during break times.

Covered mixed-use courts, an oval and play equipment will provide opportunities for sport, recreation and outdoor play.

Quiet, undercover spaces will offer a calmer space for children to relax away from busy areas.

Outdoor areas will be fully fenced, and separated from the high school buildings and outdoor spaces.

School services

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will remain on offer at the new location. The OSHC provider will operate from the school hall and make use of the undercover and open air outdoor play spaces. A dedicated kitchenette and storage areas will be provided for the OSHC service.

The new school canteen will continue to be operated by the P&C, offering fresh and healthy food options from a purpose built facility.

The uniform shop will have a dedicated space and will continue to be operated by the school at the new facilities.



Primary school outdoor space



Artist impression of the primary school entry and COLA



High school outdoor space

Artist impression of outdoor play spaces

Access and transport

The entrance of Meadowbank Primary School is on Rhodes Street.

Access to Marsden High School is set back from Rhodes Street, near Mellor Street.

School 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.

Walking and Cycling

A new shared user path will travel along Rhodes, Macpherson, Bowden and Squire streets to provide safe access for those walking and riding bikes to school.

New pedestrian crossings will be located across Macpherson and Bowden streets.

Secure, undercover bike parking will be available for 100 bicycles and 42 scooters at the school.

Train

Meadowbank train station is the closest train station to the school, about a ten minute walk from school.

West Ryde train station is also nearby, with morning and afternoon school buses dropping off and picking up students in the school bus zones on Rhodes and Macpherson streets.



Artist impression of the primary school entry

Bus

School bus routes will be re-routed to the new schools once students are relocated to the new facilities.

Dedicated school buses, as well as buses for excursions and events, will stop at new school bus zones on Rhodes and Macpherson streets. Some local bus routes will also stop in these bus zones.

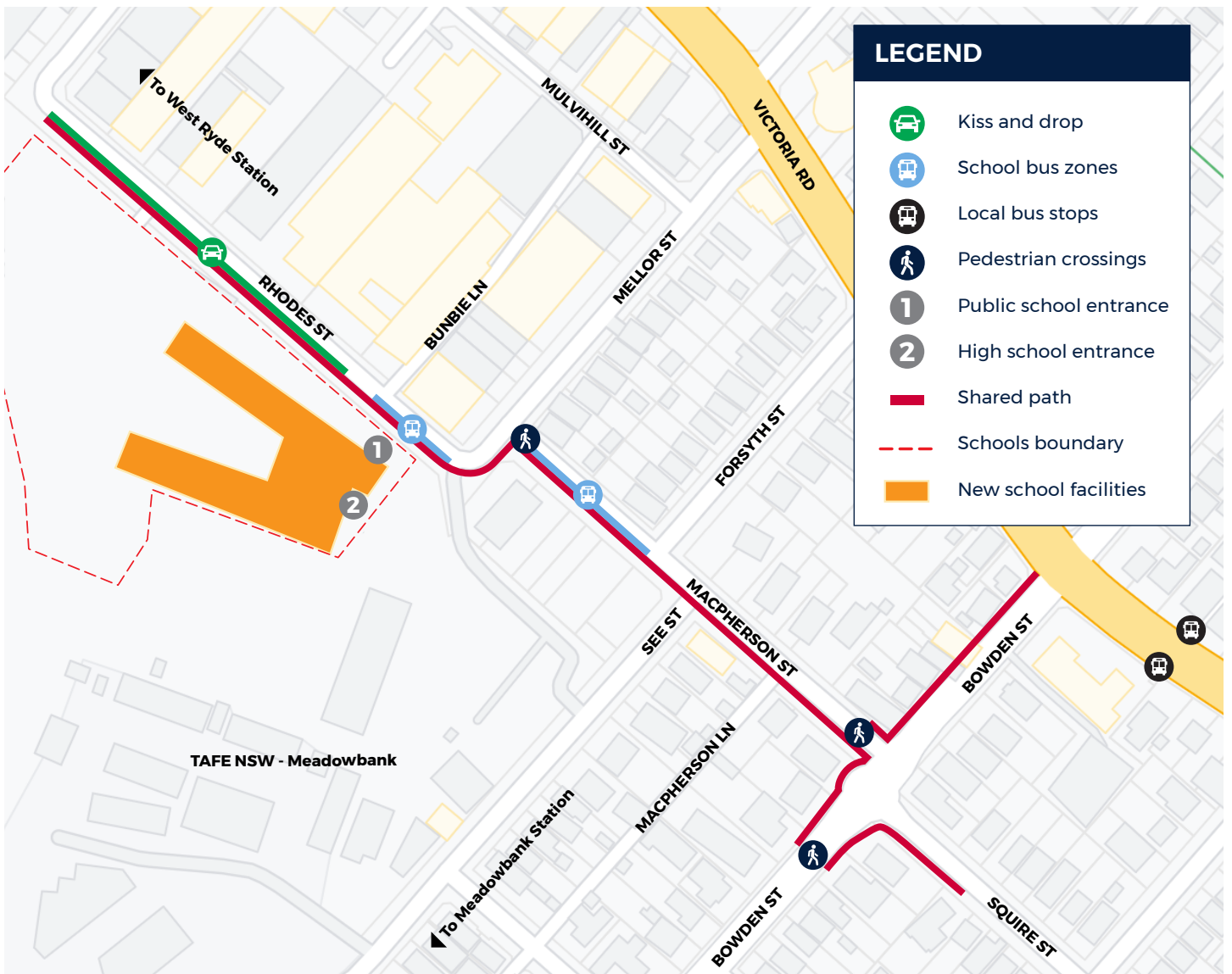
A number of general bus services also stop on Victoria Road, a short walk to the school via Bowden and Macpherson streets.

More information about bus route changes will be provided to parents and carers before students start at the new school.

Car

Dedicated kiss-and-drop parking spaces are located on Rhodes Street.

As the school 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.



Frequently asked questions

Why is Meadowbank Public School moving?

The schools at the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct will cater for 1,000 primary school students, 1,500 secondary school students and a further 120 intensive English Centre students.

The new education precinct provides the spaces needed for students as the local population continues to grow.

Moving to the new precinct provides more room for teaching and learning to continue in modern facilities.

When will the new facilities open?

Students will attend school at the new facilities at 6 Rhodes Street, Meadowbank from the first day of Term 2, 2022.

What is changing?

Meadowbank Public School will continue to operate the same way at its new location.

There will be no change to the school name, uniform, Principal or teaching staff.

Meadowbank Public School will have new start and finish times. These have been set in consultation with the school community. School will start at 8:45am and finish at 2:45pm.

Will the school intake area change?

At this stage, there will be no change to the school intake area of Meadowbank Public School or Marsden High School.

More information regarding school intake areas can be found at schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au

Will the primary and high school be separated?

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, playgrounds, canteens and toilets. There will be no internal access between the schools.

What outdoor space is available?

The new school facilities will offer multiple outdoor spaces for learning and play, including covered and open air spaces.

The new facilities will include several covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs), covered mixed-use courts, playground equipment, an oval, and quiet undercover spaces.

Are the new facilities accessible?

The new school facilities are fully accessible. Lift access will be available to children who need it to move around the school building. Accessible toilets are available on each level. Outdoor areas are accessible without steps.

Will Outside School Hours Care be available?

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will be available. The OSHC service will operate from the school hall and make use of the undercover and outdoor play spaces.

It is anticipated that there will be sufficient capacity for all families requiring OSHC care.

How will the canteen operate?

The school canteen will continue to be operated by the P&C at the new site.

When will more information be available?

More information will be provided in the lead-up to the move to the new school facilities in 2022. This will include information about specific local bus routes, site tours, and plans for the first day of school at the new location.



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