



Artist impression of the internal courtyard of the permanent schools

Melonba Public School and High School

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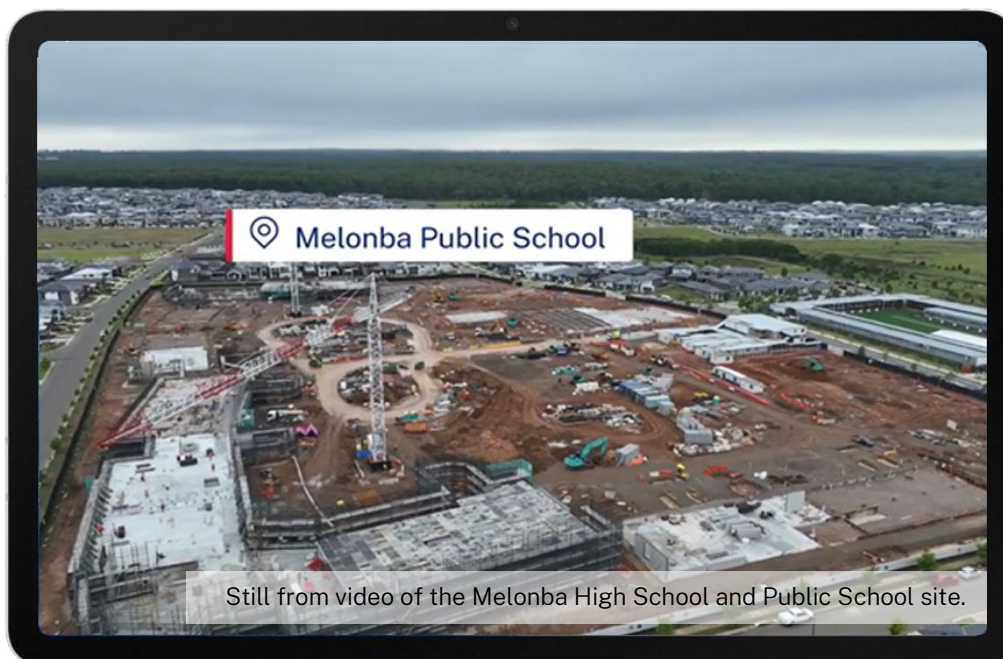
As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$3.5 billion for new and upgraded schools in Western Sydney. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education, particularly in areas where growth has been historically underestimated.

Project overview

A project is underway to deliver Melonba Public School and Melonba High School to cater for future enrolment demand in the area. In the short term, a purpose-built temporary high school opened in February 2024 to cater for Year 7 and Year 8 students. It is located at the corner of Galah Street and Rakali Parade, Melonba.

Construction update

Construction of all buildings at the permanent high school and permanent public school is underway. You can view the construction progress from our drone video footage from February 2024 on edu.nsw.link/MelonbaHSPSconstruction.



Still from video of the Melonba High School and Public School site.

Message from the Principal of Melonba Public School



It is such a privilege and an honour to introduce myself as the foundation principal of Melonba Public School. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with families and key community members to shape Melonba Public School over the coming months. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to work in partnership to create an outstanding school environment, where every student learns, grows and belongs.

I am excited by the progress of both the permanent schools. Our high-quality curriculum delivered in our state-of-the-art facilities, coupled with a variety of extra-curricular opportunities, will enable our students to become well-rounded, engaged learners. Our inclusive school environment will nurture all students to realise their academic potential and develop a strong sense of belonging. Sharing a site with Melonba High School provides a wealth of opportunities for our students and young people to engage in throughout their schooling. I am deeply committed to strengthening the already established partnership between Melonba Public School and Melonba High School.

I firmly believe that every child can reach their full potential and that the relationship between home and school builds trust and respect that supports this growth. Our quest will be to empower children to be creative, curious, lifelong learners who contribute to a global world. I am excited to be a partner in your child's education. I cannot wait to meet you all and be introduced to your beautiful children throughout the year. Please know that my door will always be open to you, and I sincerely welcome your conversation and input into our new school. I look forward to creating the story of our school together.

Please take the time to complete the survey via the link below. Together we have the precious opportunity to define our shared vision of what we hope our school will be and who we hope our students will become.

Warmest Regards,
Larissa Maraga

Melonba Public School uniform survey

Schools in NSW share with families and the community the responsibility for teaching values. While values are learnt and predominantly in the home and modified through relationships and life experiences, parents and the community have high expectations about commonly held values also being taught in schools.

We invite you to participate in a school values survey to determine the Melonba Public School logo, motto and uniform on <https://edu.nsw.link/MelonbaPS-Survey> or by scanning the QR code.



The department supports the wearing of school uniforms, which promote a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

Next steps for construction

- Structural completion of all six buildings.
- Removal of tower cranes following completion of the concrete structure.
- Starting works on the buildings' façades and working on the interiors.
- Continuing installing plumbing, electrical and mechanical lines.
- Starting works to widen Kaluta Street.



Project benefits

The permanent primary school will include:

- modern classrooms and specialist support classes for up to 1,000 Kindergarten to Year 6 students
- covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and a separate inclusive under covered outdoor learning common area
- a multipurpose hall for sports and performance, outdoor play areas including sports courts
- out of hours school care
- a library, canteen, administration facilities and staff parking.


The permanent high school will include:

- modern classrooms and specialist support classes for up to 2,000 students
- specialist classrooms for science, wood and metal workshops, performing arts and hospitality
- multi-media and visual arts classrooms
- multipurpose hall for sports and performance, sports and recreation facilities
- a library, canteen, administration facilities and staff parking.

As part of the NSW Government's commitment to deliver expanded access to early childhood education, planning is also underway for an on-site public preschool.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please contact us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651.



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