



Artist impression of Midtown Macquarie Park new primary school (indicative only and subject to change)

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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

Project overview

A project is underway for a new primary school in Midtown Macquarie Park to meet anticipated enrolment growth in the area.

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

The school will accommodate 750 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and provide classrooms, administration and staff facilities, a canteen, a multipurpose hall, a library, and covered and landscaped outdoor learning areas.

This project is part of a broader strategy to cater for predicted enrolment growth in the Ryde area. Other school infrastructure projects in the area include the Macquarie Park Education Campus and an upgrade to Ryde Secondary College.

Progress update

We have lodged the State Significant Development (SSD) application for the new school with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The SSD application is now on public exhibition on the DPE planning portal. We have also started the tender process to appoint a builder for the project. We expect to award the construction contract later this year.

Next steps

When the SSD application public exhibition period ends, DPE will ask School Infrastructure NSW to provide a formal response to any submissions, before completing their assessment of our application.

Have your say

The SSD application for the new school is on public exhibition until 25 October 2023. During the exhibition period you can submit formal feedback on the application by following the 'Make a Submission' link at:

planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/ivanhoe-midtown-primary-school

All feedback on the SSD application should be directed to DPE via this link.

Further information

Play and outdoor space for the new school

The school has been designed to maximise play and outdoor space. On the ground floor the school design features:

- a multipurpose hall with court markings for sport
- a covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and a climbing wall
- a school garden with areas of paving and playground bark surrounded by garden beds and trees.

Level 1 has a slide to the ground floor while levels 2, 3 and 4 have areas for structured play and flexible outdoor teaching and learning spaces. The rooftop play space has a running track, perimeter netting for ball play, table settings and performance stage.

The design includes different types of flooring to suit each area. It features hard wearing surfaces for the rooftop and COLAs, and soft fall and artificial turf under play equipment and table settings.

Greenery is included throughout the site with plants carefully chosen to meet the environmental conditions.

The school site will also be connected via the future Village Green to open space and parkland including Wilga Park and Shrimptons Creek within 100m.

Traffic and transport considerations


Traffic and transport considerations are an important part of planning for any project. We have developed a traffic and transport assessment for the new school including an active transport plan to help to minimise the impact on existing transport networks. Active transport includes walking, cycling and travelling by other non-motorised vehicles or public transport.

Construction timeline

The construction timeline for the project will be developed once we receive planning approval from the Department of Planning and Environment and have appointed a contractor for the construction works.

Stay informed

A dedicated project page has been published on the School Infrastructure NSW website at edu.nsw.link/MacquarieParkNPS.



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