



# Murwillumbah Education Campus

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## Investing in our schools

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. The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

## Project overview

We are planning for a new primary school and a new high school which will be located on the same campus at the current Murwillumbah High School site. This project will enhance public education in Murwillumbah by supporting contemporary teaching approaches and providing students with access to new, modern, flexible learning environments and facilities.

## Progress summary

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for the development of the Murwillumbah Education Campus has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The SSD application includes an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting technical reports. After public exhibition, DPE will review submissions, complete an assessment, and make a determination on the SSD application.

## Have your say

The SSD application is currently on public exhibition at the DPE major projects website. Submissions can be made directly to DPE by post or online during the 28-day exhibition period.

To view the SSD application visit <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/murwillumbah-education-campus>

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## Frequently asked questions

### What is the statutory planning pathway for the project?

Due to the level of investment involved, the construction of the Murwillumbah Education Campus is considered a State Significant Development (SSD) and therefore the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will assess the development application for the project. DPE will consult Tweed Shire Council as part of the assessment process.

Under NSW planning legislation, some site preparation activities such as demolition may be able to be done while the SSD application is being assessed. This work would be subject to School Infrastructure NSW carrying out a Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF process includes notifying neighbours and stakeholders of the proposed work.

### What is an SSD application?

The key document for an SSD application is the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which provides a comprehensive description of the project's environmental, social and economic impacts. It includes detailed information on the project scope and plans. The SSD application also includes a number of associated consultant reports, and the proposed landscape and transport management plans for the project.

### What is the process for assessing an SSD application?

Once the SSD application is lodged with DPE, it is placed on public exhibition for 28 days to allow the community and stakeholders to view the documentation and make submissions.

During public exhibition, submissions can be made directly to DPE by post at Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment, GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001 or online at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/murwillumbah-education-campus>

Once the public exhibition phase is complete, DPE will seek a Response to Submissions from the Department of Education, complete its assessment of the application, and determine whether development consent is granted for the project.

### When will a determination be made?

Typically, the SSD lodgement, assessment and determination process can take between six to nine months. Detailed information about the SSD approval process is available online at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/state-significant-development/ssd-process](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/state-significant-development/ssd-process)

### How can I find out more about the project?

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share information at the Murwillumbah Education Campus project webpage <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/murwillumbah-education-campus-project.html>  
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