

Bungendore High School

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Project overview

What will this project provide?

- The new high school will have modern facilities with 24 flexible learning spaces including 3 support learning spaces, a library, hall, school canteen, playing courts, an agricultural plot, and kiss and drop zones.
- Learning spaces will be built to enable teaching of English, Mathematics, Science, Technologies, Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Creative Arts, Languages, Vocational Education and Training (VET), and Agriculture.

School facilities

What upgrades are happening to the primary school?

- As part of the plan for a new high school at Bungendore, the Department of Education is also upgrading facilities at Bungendore Public School.
- This includes new permanent classrooms and the upgrade of a new playing field within the existing primary school site.
- This new playing field at the Bungendore Public School site will include a new amenities block and flood lighting.
- This new asset has the potential to be shared with the community.
- The additional playing field will supplement Mick Sherd Oval, and the new multi-million dollar Bungendore Sports Hub to be delivered by QPRC.

Is there a hall at both schools?

- Yes, there will be a separate hall at both the primary and the high school.

Is the new high school hall able to be booked for community and theatrical events?

- The Department of Education has a dedicated partnerships and joint use team who are responsible for working closely with local councils and community groups for joint use opportunities of school facilities.
- It is proposed that the new high school hall can be used for community and theatrical events, potentially including a canteen that could be used for catering purposes, subject to Department and School agreement.

What is happening with the science labs?

- Following feedback from the school, an additional science lab will be included. Further details will be provided as the project progresses.

Will this site be adequate for future school growth?

- The planning work currently undertaken includes the development of a master plan that considers expansion for future growth to accommodate projected enrolments to 2036.
- Additional enrolments anticipated due to the new arrangements from ACT Government, for NSW students attending Canberra public schools has also been taken into consideration.

Please see the link below for more information

www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/nsw-resident-enrolments.

What is happening to Mick Sherd Oval and Bungendore Park?

- Consultation has occurred with QPRC and several stakeholders of Mick Sherd Oval.
- There will be a low fence to separate the school grounds from Mick Sherd Oval. Mick Sherd Oval will not be fenced.
- The Department of Education will continue to utilise the existing booking system to facilitate access of the Mick Sherd Oval by both primary and high school students.
- The War Memorial will still be openly accessible at all times.
- The Balladeers Place Memorial and rotunda is proposed to be relocated to Frogs Hollow Reserve, Tarago Road.
- The allotment loosely bounded by Turallo Terrace to the south and east, and Turallo Creek to the north is actively used by some members of the community as an off-leash dog park. The placement of the new Bungendore High School's agricultural plot will take up approximately 20 per cent of the lot, thereby retaining the remainder of the lot for community use.

What is happening to the existing community library and the Bungendore Community Centre?

- The existing community library and Bungendore Community Centre are being relocated by QPRC.
- QPRC will be replacing the existing 40-year old Bungendore Community Centre. The Department of Education has paid for the replacement of this facility as determined by the NSW Valuer General.

What is happening with the Bungendore Sports Hub and swimming pool?

- The existing pool is reaching the end of its useful life and will be demolished to make way for the new high school hall. A new pool will be built at the new Bungendore Sports Hub by QPRC.
- We will carefully consider the needs of the community and stage the project so as to remove the existing pool with the least amount of inconvenience.
- As part of the proposal, the Department of Education has contributed capital funds to QPRC specifically towards the development of the new pool as per the value independently determined by the NSW Valuer General.
- For more information go to: qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects/Bungendore-Sports-Hub.

Traffic management

What is being done in regards to traffic management at the new school?

- As part of normal school project planning processes, additional traffic studies have been undertaken. Please find a summary on the project webpage. The full traffic study has been submitted as part of the SSDA.
- These studies include pedestrian footpaths, bus bays, parking and kiss and drops to both the primary and high schools.

Where will the access for both schools be located?

- The high school will have a new administration building located on Gibraltar Street, across the road from the primary school.
- This building will be shared by both the primary and high school.
- A pedestrian crossing will connect the primary and high school sites.

How will the traffic change with this new site?

- The transport assessment has found that there will not be significant impacts to traffic caused by the school being built at this site. Please find a summary on the project webpage.
- The transport assessment has found the Bungendore road network is in a grid pattern and has sufficient capacity, hence the partial closure of Majara Street will not significantly affect traffic because there are various route options to travel.

Construction

When will construction start?

Construction will start after the construction contract has been awarded and the relevant consent conditions to start construction have been met. This is anticipated in the coming weeks.

What is being done to establish the site for the new school?

Site establishment work will soon start. This includes erecting the construction fence, establishment of the builder's site compound and removal of trees in accordance with the approved development. Part of Majara Street will permanently close between Turallo Terrace and Gibraltar Street, in accordance with the approved development. Further details can be found on the project webpage.