



New high school in Edmondson Park

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Investing in our schools

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.

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) is planning to deliver a new high school in Edmondson Park. The high school will include fit-for-purpose classrooms and core facilities to meet enrolment demand in Edmondson Park and support the growing population in South-West Sydney.

The new high school which will be a traditional school build, with a facility accommodating up to 800 students on track for completion in this term of government. The 3-hectare site has been master-planned to accommodate up to 2000 students in the future, subject to future enrolment demand in the area.

This phase considered demographic trends, education requirements, intake areas, technical studies, planning requirements, transport links and possible shared area opportunities – to ensure the needs of the local community are considered now and into the future.

Join us at an information session

You're invited to join us at an information session to view the masterplan and speak with members from the project team.

Where: Library (1st floor), Edmondson Park Primary School, Buchan Avenue, Edmondson Park

When: 1.30pm to 6.30pm on 4 April 2024

Progress update

The department lodged a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) with the [NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure \(DPHI\)](#) on 19 March 2024. The SSDA is on public exhibition on the DPHI planning portal between **Wednesday 27 March 2024 until Tuesday 23 April 2024**. During the

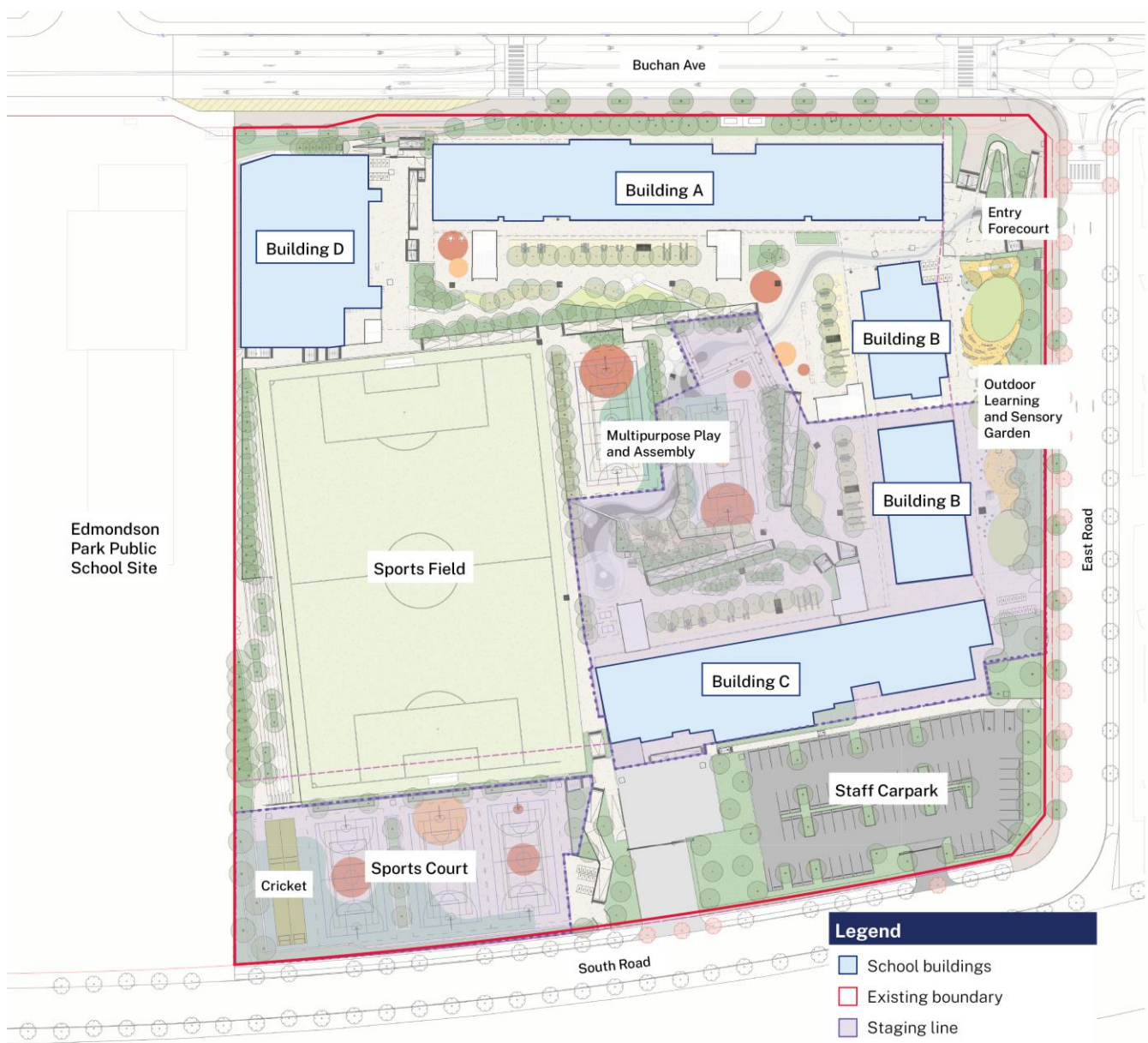


exhibition period you can submit formal feedback on the application by following the ‘Make a Submission’ link at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-high-school-edmondson-park-0>. All feedback on the SSD application should be directed to DPPI via the link.

In October 2023 we received the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) from DPPI. The SEARs advise a range of environmental, planning, and social considerations that need to be addressed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the SSDA.

In April 2023, a business case was submitted to Government for approval to progress to project delivery. In November 2023 stage 1 was approved to deliver approximately 40 learning spaces for up to 800 students by 2027. The long-term masterplan will ultimately have capacity for 2,000 students to meet future educational growth demand in the area.

Proposed site plan



What will the new high school include?

The new high school will include fit-for-purpose classrooms and core facilities. Stage 1 of the new high school will provide student capacity for approximately 800 students and include the core facilities for the 2000 student capacity proposed in stage 2. The new school will include;

- forty permanent classrooms including three support learning classrooms
- science learning hub
- physical education and fitness hub
- performing arts hub
- food and textile hub
- wood technology hub
- administration hub
- staff study
- gymnasium
- canteen
- library
- a lecture theatre
- two accessible lifts, and
- landscaping

Next steps

The department submitted our SSDA in March and now awaits the DPHI's approval. SINSW will progress with the school's design once we engage a design and construction contractor.

How can I get involved?

[A dedicated project page](#) has been published on the School Infrastructure NSW website, which is updated as the project progresses. The webpage can be found at <http://edu.nsw.link/EPNHS> or simply scan the QR code.



We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best learning facilities for students. As the project progresses from the planning phase, we will share details with the community for feedback.

Want to know more about how we build and upgrade schools?

You can learn more about School infrastructure NSW, and how we deliver new and upgraded schools, by scanning this QR Code, or visit edu.nsw.link/SchoolShowcase.



Frequently asked questions

What will the new high school be called?

Prior to the project completion, a consultation process with students, parents and staff will take place. The process will follow departmental guidelines to determine the final name for the new co-educational high school.



Student safety in multi-storey buildings with stairs

New school buildings are designed in line with the department's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG), which considers the spatial requirements, site constraints, access and operational needs of the school. There is also an opportunity to learn from existing multi-storey primary schools in NSW about operational measures that will help to ensure student safety.

What will the intake area be?

The intake area will be confirmed closer to the school opening. Changes to surrounding intake areas are made to accommodate a new school into a local network and this typically takes place around 12 months before the new school opens. This ensures the community is well informed in advance of enrolment periods and the school can prepare for anticipated student numbers.

The intake area will be based on the most up to date demographic data on the number of school-aged children living in the local area at the time the school opens, along with consideration of suitable active and public transport options, safety and traffic impacts, and enrolment trends at surrounding schools. Intake area boundaries are updated regularly to ensure every child in NSW has a well-resourced local public school to attend.

What is an SSD?

An SSD is a development of particular significance to the people and State of NSW. Development that is classified as SSD is identified by the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011. The statutory planning approval process for an SSD is different to that for other types of development. Detailed information is available at: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.


What are the SEARs?

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) are the set of terms by which DPHI will assess SINSW's application for planning approval. The SEARs are prepared by DPHI to ensure the impacts of the project are properly described and understood. DPHI consults with other relevant government departments and agencies to prepare the SEARs. To satisfy the SEARs, SINSW must prepare a document called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

How can I participate in the construction of the new school?

General enquiries about procurement should be directed to SINSW's Procurement Team at sinswprocurement@det.nsw.edu.au.

If you are a trade business interested in maintenance work at local schools, you may be eligible for the Local Trades Scheme. More information about the Scheme can be found at hipages.com.au.



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