



# New high school in Edmondson Park

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## Project overview

A new high school in Edmondson Park is currently in planning. The high school will include fit-for-purpose learning spaces and core facilities to meet enrolment demand in Edmondson Park and support the growing population in the South-West Sydney area.

The Department of Education conducted an open procurement process in 2022 to identify a potential delivery partner to lead the planning and construction of the new high school in the town centre. Following a detailed assessment of the market's response, it was determined the department would lead the planning and construction of the new high school on land it currently owns, next to the new Edmondson Park Public School on Buchan Way.

## Progress update

Early planning for the new school is now complete and included a review of demographic trends, catchment boundaries, heritage structures and the needs of the school. The draft master plan has been developed to provide a basic layout of the new high school which will ultimately accommodate up to 2000 students.

The delivery program is subject to NSW Treasury and planning approvals, however, plans are underway to deliver approximately 40 learning spaces for up to 800 students by 2027.

In April 2023, a business case was submitted to NSW Treasury for approval to progress to project delivery.

## What is the purpose of the business case?

A business case must be submitted for NSW Treasury approval to release funds for further design development and construction. The business case process provides for the continued development of options for the project through refinement, comparison, analysis, and evaluation. This ensures the project represents the greatest value-for-money and meets the needs of the school community.

## What's next?


You will soon be invited to an information session that is planned for August 2023. We will distribute another Project Update in the coming weeks with further information. In the meantime, you can find out more information on the project webpage here: [edu.nsw.link/EPNHS](http://edu.nsw.link/EPNHS).

As we await a decision about the business case, we will continue with the development of the school's design and prepare to meet the statutory planning requirements.

Should the business case be approved, in the coming months we will lodge a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), which is a key step in the statutory planning process. The SEARs advise the studies that need to be undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the State Significant Development application.

## How can I get involved?


We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best learning facilities for students. We will distribute regular project updates to keep the community up to date with our progress. You can stay updated by visiting the project webpage at [edu.nsw.link/EPNHS](http://edu.nsw.link/EPNHS).



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Planning funding has been allocated for a new high school in Edmondson Park. The information below takes you through the journey of building a new school.

### Early planning

- Consideration and studies of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of the existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, heritage requirements, transport links and partnership opportunities.
- Doing so means that we:
  - consider the needs of the local area now and into the future.
  - ensure the right school is designed for the community.
- An important step before an architect or other contractors are appointed and official community engagement commences.

### Planning

- Consultants such as architects and project managers are appointed.
- Investigation and review of site and development of master plan options.
- Master planning considers options for the general size, shape and form of buildings for a specific school site.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) is established.
- Operational, educational and service delivery factors are understood and considered by the PRG.
  - A series of preliminary master plan options are considered along with the educational concept and design for the school.
    - A preferred concept design option is identified.
    - Once a preferred option is identified approval is needed in order to progress from planning through to project delivery.

### Delivery

- The construction works program to deliver the upgrade to the school is developed in collaboration with the school and where appropriate, the local community.
- Ongoing consultation with Principal, staff and other school users.
- Throughout detailed design and construction updates are provided to the local community.

### Approvals

- Workshops continue with school and local community to understand challenges and constraints and identify future requirements.
  - Engagement of technical specialists, local councils and other government agencies.
  - Statutory planning approval process.
    - Opportunity for local community to view and provide feedback upon submission of the Development Application.
    - Scope of work and concept design is further defined.

