

Proposed concept design for the new high school in Edmondson Park. Subject to funding and planning approvals.















# New high school in Edmondson Park

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School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) is planning to deliver a new high school in Edmondson Park to support the growing population in South-West Sydney.

The concept design will ultimately accommodate up to 2000 students, subject to NSW Treasury and planning approvals. Planning for Stage 1 is underway to deliver approximately forty classrooms for up to 800 students by 2027, and will include:

 <p>Approximately <b>40</b> permanent classrooms</p>	 <p>Approximately <b>3</b> support classrooms</p>	 <p>A support learning hub</p>
 <p>An administration hub</p>	 <p>Gymnasium</p>	 <p>Canteen</p>
 <p>Library</p>	 <p>Science learning hub</p>	 <p>Physical education hub</p>
 <p>Performing arts hub</p>	 <p>Food and textile hub</p>	 <p>A lecture theatre</p>

# Site plan



The new high school for Edmondson Park will:

- meet enrolment demand in Edmondson Park and support the growing population in the area
- provide a high-quality and accessible learning environment
- create welcoming facilities which prioritise the well-being of the school community
- respond to the historical context of the site and the cultural knowledge of the traditional custodians of the land
- provide spaces and design aspects that reflect the cultural context and create agile and responsive spaces across the school that connect with nature.

## Progress summary

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

An early concept design has been developed for 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.

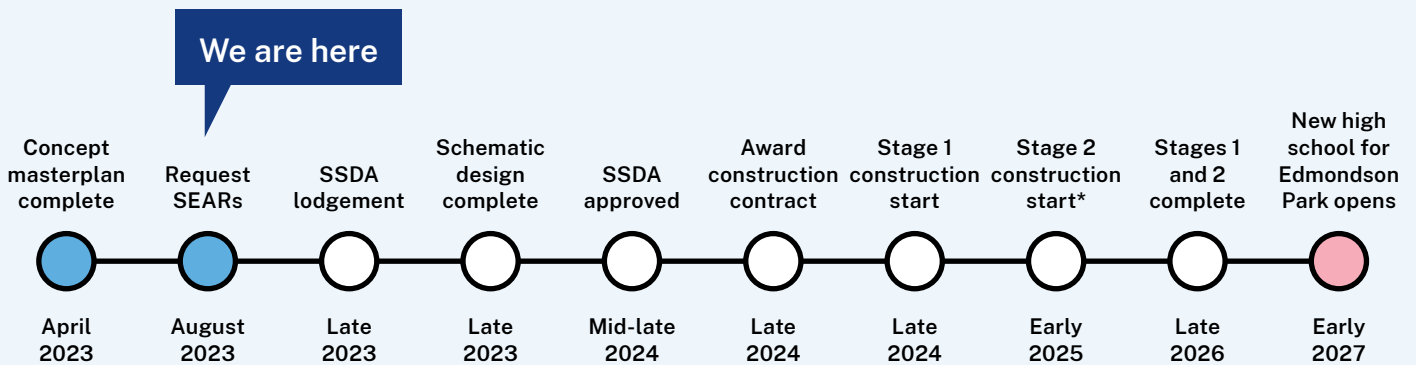
We have lodged a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) with the Department of Planning and Environment. The SEARs advise a range of environmental, planning, and social considerations that need to be undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the State Significant Development application.

As part of our reporting requirements, we are also preparing a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the proposed new high school at Edmondson Park. The SIA will identify the effect on people and communities that result from the project. By identifying these effects, we can put measures in place to both manage potential adverse impacts and maximize the benefits that result from the project. To understand the potential impacts, we are seeking input from communities and stakeholders through a series of engagement activities.



Site location next to the Edmondson Park Public School on Buchan Avenue, Edmondson Park

## Current timeline



\*subject to funding and approvals

## Next steps

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

We also await the Department of Planning and Environment to issue the project's SEARs to advise the studies that need to be undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the State Significant Development application.

The early concept design for the new high school at Edmondson Park will be refined in consultation with a range of stakeholders with expertise in the design and operation of schools including principals and construction specialists, and with the community.

For more opportunities to comment on the project, please find our survey by scanning the QR code or visit [edu.nsw.link/EPHS-Survey-Aug](https://edu.nsw.link/EPHS-Survey-Aug).

You will have further opportunities to view the proposed designs as we progress through the planning process.

You can find out more information on the project webpage here: [edu.nsw.link/EPNHS](https://edu.nsw.link/EPNHS).



## Frequently asked questions

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### What is the purpose of a 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.

### Will there be changes to the school's intake area?

The intake area for the new high school in Edmondson Park is under assessment. The intake area for a new school will generally be finalised approximately 12 months from date of opening.

When setting new intake areas for schools, the department considers a range of factors, including;

- the school's permanent capacity
- student population projections
- residential development and land rezoning
- public transport routes and access, and
- alignment between primary and secondary schools.

The department reviews the intake area for a school in consideration of nearby schools.

### When can I enrol my child in the new high school in Edmondson Park?

Enrolments will be open in the year prior to the school commencement, once the school Principal has been appointed and the school has been given a formal name.

### How high will the buildings be at the new high school?

The proposed concept design plan (image on cover page) is predominately three storeys along the proposed new eastern road and Buchan Avenue with a smaller section at five storeys towards the rear of the school, where the land's elevation subsides towards the proposed southern road.

### When is construction expected to start?

The start date for construction is yet to be determined. Following the evaluation of a construction tender, a contract will be awarded to a builder. It is anticipated that construction will start in late 2024, subject to funding and approvals.

### Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction?

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or email [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au). In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

For more information about this project, contact School Infrastructure NSW:

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