



Example of a completed high school learning space

# New high school in Jerrabomberra

Project update

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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

Planning continues to deliver a new high school in Jerrabomberra. Design development work is progressing and the site for the new school has been confirmed at Lanyon Drive, Jerrabomberra, in close proximity to both the South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct and Jerrabomberra Public School. In addition to innovative teaching and learning spaces, the new school will also include:

- covered outdoor learning area
- library
- hall
- green space
- sports courts
- administrative facilities.

## Progress summary

The schematic design for the new high school in Jerrabomberra project has been finalised. The schematic design is the third of four design phases and provides a detailed version of the concept design and is needed to achieve planning approval.

The statutory planning process for the project has started. The project is considered a State Significant Development (SSD) and therefore the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will assess the development application for the project.

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A request to DPIE for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project has been submitted. In response to the SEARs request, the Planning Secretary will issue the environmental assessment requirements for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will form part of the SSD application for the project.

### **Next step**

- Receive SEARs
- Finalise all environmental and project assessments
- Continue key stakeholder consultation
- Refine the design
- Lodge the EIS and the SSD application.

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **What is a State Significant Development and its statutory planning approval process?**

SINSW requires development approval from the NSW Government to proceed with the project. DPIE is responsible for managing the statutory planning approval for this project. This is because it is a State Significant Development (SSD).

A SSD is a development of particular significance to the people and state of NSW. The approval process for a SSD is different to that of other types of development. It involves requesting the SEARs and then preparing an EIS in response to these requirements.

### **What are SEARs?**

The SEARs are the set of terms by which DPIE will assess SINSW's application for planning approval. The SEARs are prepared by DPIE to ensure the impacts of the project are properly described and understood. DPIE 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).

### **What future consultation is planned for the local community about the upgrades?**

During the SSD process the application, along with the EIS will be placed on public exhibition and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the project proposal.

### **What is an EIS?**

An EIS provides a comprehensive description of the project's environmental, social and economic impacts. It includes detailed information on the project scope and design plans. Once the EIS is submitted to DPIE, it will be placed on public exhibition and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the project proposal. Community feedback will be used by DPIE to inform approval and any consent conditions.

### **When will the new school open?**

A completion date will be confirmed once the construction contractor has been appointed and a delivery program has been finalised. We anticipate the new high school will be operational in early 2023.

### **What is the student capacity for the new school?**

The project will deliver 25 learning spaces to accommodate approximately 500 students. This includes three learning spaces that can be dedicated to Specialist Support Classes.

The core school facilities at the new high school have been designed to accommodate future expansion to meet potential future enrolment increases. The Department will continue to monitor population and enrolment trends in the local area, and work with the local School Infrastructure office and school leadership to manage enrolment demand as needed.

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The Department consults with other government agencies and the private sector to monitor population growth and to plan for new and upgraded schools accordingly.

### **What type of high school will be constructed?**

The design of the new high school anticipates the need for possible future expansion with core facilities sized to facilitate expansion if necessary. The new high school in Jerrabomberra will be a 7-12 comprehensive high school.

Our high schools provide students from Years 7 to 12 with a quality education in a broad range of subjects. Our high schools have access to a broad range of technologies to support the implementation of the NSW Curriculum requirements. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are essential areas of study that foster students' skills and prepare them to participate in a rapidly changing world and contribute to Australia's future development and prosperity.

Subjects offered by secondary schools follow the requirements set by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to enable students to receive their Record of School Achievement or Higher School Certificate. Some schools also offer vocational education and training (VET) programs. For more information, visit NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website.

### **When will the intake area for the new high school be determined?**

The intake area for the new high school in Jerrabomberra will be confirmed closer to the school opening date. This will also enable the Department to utilise the most current demographic data.

### **How can I get involved?**

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible facilities for students.

Your feedback on this project is important to us. For more information, comments, or to make a comment please email us at [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 1300 482 651.

Additionally, once the development application is lodged, it will be placed on public exhibition and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

### **Will further updates be available?**

Further updates about this project will be published on the School Infrastructure website [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

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