



A new primary school in Nowra

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Project overview

Planning has begun for a new primary school in Nowra, close to the growing suburbs of South Nowra and Worrigeel. The new primary school will have modern and flexible teaching and learning spaces and may also include facilities such as a library, green and play space as well as administrative facilities. All new schools offer modern learning spaces, bright new interiors and landscaped play areas.

Where will the new school be located?

At this stage of planning, we expect that the new school location will be on the eastern side of the existing Shoalhaven High School site.

What are the benefits of the new school for the region?

The brand-new facilities will add variety and depth to teaching approaches and tactics in the classroom. As well, the new school will create new jobs for people in the region and could offer new opportunities for career development.

Will there be changes to the school catchment areas?

The revised school intake areas for primary schools in the Nowra area will be determined closer to the new school opening. This will enable the Department to utilise the most current demographic data.

Will there be changes to Nowra East Public School's status as a Connected Communities school?

We remain committed to the school's status in implementing the Connected Communities Strategy.

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How will the construction impacts be managed for the staff, students and parents at Shoalhaven High school?

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will work closely with Shoalhaven High School to minimise disruption to students and staff during all phases of construction. This may mean conducting portions of work during weekends or school holiday periods or exploring options to lessen the impacts of construction on school operations and student learning. The project team will also work with the contractor to ensure separate vehicle and worker access points.

Why was this site chosen?

A number of locations for the new school were considered based on suitability to support the needs of the project. This included availability of services such as sewerage, electricity, and roads, the accessibility of the site and environmental constraints such as bushfire, ecological impacts, and flooding. This existing school site has adequate land to accommodate a new primary school and is located close to the suburbs of South Nowra and Worrigege.

What happens when a project is in Planning?

Consultants such as architects and Project Managers are appointed and investigation and review of the site takes place, along with development of the Master Plan options. Master planning considers options for general size, shape and form of the buildings for a specific school site. A Project Reference Group (PRG) has been established for this project and a preferred concept design is identified at this phase. Once a preferred option is identified, approvals are needed in order to progress to delivery of the project.

What happens next?

We are looking at when the project will most likely be delivered. Planning will involve design work, consultation with stakeholders and the community, a State Significant Development application, and tendering for a contractor to deliver the project. It may take up a number of years to complete a new school, but we will keep you informed along the way.

Who can I speak to about the new primary school in Nowra?

Our local SINSW team will work to support local school communities by providing timely, up-to-date information about the status and next steps of the project and any known or likely impacts on the school community and its surrounds. The SINSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project. You can also contact the SINSW team via the community information line and email listed below.

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