

New high school for Googong

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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 \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

The 2023-24 Budget committed funding to progress a new high school in Googong.

Progress overview

The site for the new high school in Googong has now been transferred to the Department of Education. It is located at 200 Wellsvale Drive, Googong, less than a 5-minute drive from Googong Public School.

Project managers, architects, and engineers have been appointed. Most of the required due diligence has been completed, including initial transport planning and geotechnical and soil contamination investigations.

Planning and design work is continuing for the new high school for Googong, which will cater to the growing population. The new high school will include:

- modern classrooms and specialist support classes
- specialist classrooms for science, wood and metal workshops, performing arts and hospitality
- a multipurpose hall for sports and performance, sports and recreation facilities
- a library, canteen, administration facilities and parking.

The new high school will open Day 1, Term 1, 2027.

Draft masterplan

Masterplan options are being developed. The draft masterplan of the new high school for Googong, displayed below, is indicative only and is subject to change.



The design process

The scope of work for the new high school for Googong will be developed based on a range of factors including assessment of population and enrolment data, school requirements, current trends in education and learning, existing infrastructure and statutory and planning requirements, available funding and the size and physical constraints of the school site. This will be done in conjunction with key stakeholders and guided by the Educational Facilities Standards & Guidelines (EFSG).

There are 4 stages of designing a new school:

- **Masterplan** – reviews the site constraints and provides several masterplan options.
- **Concept design** – confirms the final location of all facilities, space layouts, and the look and feel of the school.
- **Schematic design** - involves addressing space, scale and constructability to move the project into design development and eventually, construction. The schematic design is also submitted for development approval during this stage and before construction starts.
- **Detailed design** - developed to communicate to the contractor the final specifications of the build. Throughout the design process, we consult with educational leadership and key stakeholders through a structured process to gain insight into the operational and educational requirements for classrooms, specialised environments such as school support units, and other school facilities.

We are in the process of finalising our designs for the school, based on findings from our site investigations.

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. As the project progresses, we will share details with the community for feedback.

For more information, to ask a question or to make a comment, please contact us on the details below or visit the project webpage by on edu.nsw.link/NewHSGoogong. You can also contact us via our community information line and email on the details below.

We thank the community for your patience as we deliver this important project.

