

New high school for Medowie

Project update | July 2025

Image caption: Artist impression of the new high school for Medowie (subject to change).



Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2025-26 Budget is delivering \$2.1 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

In response to residential growth in NSW's Hunter region, the department is delivering a pipeline of school infrastructure projects to cater for the growing population.

Project overview

This project will deliver a new high school for the Medowie community. This is in addition to upgrades for Irrawang High School and Hunter River High School.

The new high school will be located at 6 Abundance Road, Medowie and will include:

- modern classrooms including facilities for specialist support classes
- specialist workshops and labs
- a multipurpose hall, library and administration facilities
- outdoor play and sport facilities.

Progress summary

Planning approval for the new high school has been granted by the Department of Education's Planning and Assessment team.

In response to community feedback received during the public exhibition of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), the REF has been updated with responses to questions, concerns and submissions.

The updated REF, along with a Decision Statement has been published on the Planning Portal for Division 5.1 (Part 5) Activities: planningportal.nsw.gov.au/part-5/new-high-school-medowie

We will now progress into the construction phase for the new high school in Medowie. Hansen Yuncken has been appointed as the builder for the new school and we expect construction to start in late 2025.

We're also excited to share the latest artist impression, offering a more detailed view of what's to come for future students and the community.



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Next steps

- Finalising the detailed design for the new high school with the builder to prepare for construction.
- Site establishment and enabling work, including putting up fencing, setting up temporary facilities, preparing utilities like water and power, and surveying works.
- Bulk earthworks and ground preparation to shape the site and install the foundation of the new school buildings.

We anticipate delivering the new high school by Day 1 Term 1 2027.

New artist impression



Frequently asked questions

Visit our project webpage for answers to commonly asked questions on topics like school enrolment, stormwater management, and sustainability. The frequently asked questions are available at edu.nsw.link/NewHSMedowie.

Hours of work

All work will generally be carried out during approved construction hours which are Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm, and Saturday 8 am to 1 pm. Some works may take place between 6 pm to 7 pm on Monday to Friday, and 1 pm to 4 pm on Saturdays but these will be minor works. No works will take place on Sundays or public holidays, unless notified.

Managing construction impacts



The health, safety and wellbeing of the community is our highest priority.

For more information about how we manage construction impacts on our projects, please scan the QR code or visit: edu.nsw.link/ConstructionImpacts.

Visit edu.nsw.link/NewHSMedowie-MailingList to receive project updates about the new high school for Medowie.