

# New High School for Pottsville

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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 historic \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

### New High School for Pottsville

Early planning for the new high school for Pottsville has begun. This initial work includes considering the demographic and education requirements for the school, conducting site investigations and assessments, as well as initial design work.

The design process includes consultation with key stakeholders such as the school leadership team, architects, planners, and design professionals through a Project Reference Group (PRG).

In the future, once a preferred design option is identified, a business case will be submitted for approval. Once the business case has been approved the project will move to the delivery phase, where we will establish the planning pathway and timeline for the project.

Further updates will be released as the project progresses.

### How can I get involved?

We are committed to working 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.

A dedicated project page has been published on the School Infrastructure NSW website, which is updated as the project progresses. You can view the project page by visiting [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

### Want to know more about how we build and upgrade schools?

To learn more about School Infrastructure NSW, and how we deliver new and upgraded schools, simply scan the QR code, or visit [edu.nsw.link/SchoolShowcase](http://edu.nsw.link/SchoolShowcase).



## How we build a new school

Planning funding has been allocated for the new high school for Pottsville. The information below takes you through the process of building a new school.

### Early planning

- Consideration and studies of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of the existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, heritage requirements, transport links and partnership opportunities.
- Doing so means that we:
  - consider the needs of the local area now and into the future.
  - ensure the right school is designed for the community.
- An important step before an architect or other contractors are appointed and official community engagement commences.

### Planning

- Consultants such as architects and project managers are appointed.
- Investigation and review of site and development of master plan options.
- Master planning considers options for the general size, shape and form of buildings for a specific school site.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) is established.
- Operational, educational and service delivery factors are understood and considered by the PRG.
  - A series of preliminary master plan options are considered along with the educational concept and design for the school.
    - A preferred concept design option is identified.
      - Once a preferred option is identified approval is needed in order to progress from planning through to project delivery.

### Delivery

- The construction works program to deliver the upgrade to the school is developed in collaboration with the school and where appropriate, the local community.
- Ongoing consultation with Principal, staff and other school users.
- Throughout detailed design and construction updates are provided to the local community.

### Approvals

- Workshops continue with school and local community to understand challenges and constraints and identify future requirements.
  - Engagement of technical specialists, local councils and other government agencies.
    - Statutory planning approval process.
      - Opportunity for local community to view and provide feedback upon submission of the Development Application.
      - Scope of work and concept design is further defined.

