

# Box Hill new primary school and high school

## Planning update | August 2024

### Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$3.6 billion for new and upgraded schools in Western Sydney. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

### Project overview

As part of this investment, planning work is now well underway to deliver a new public preschool, primary school and high school for Box Hill. These schools will be delivered as a priority, in addition to new primary schools for Gables and Tallawong, a new high school for Schofields/Tallawong, and upgrades to Rouse Hill High School and Schofields Public School.

To ensure that local families can send their children to a local primary school sooner, our teams are working around the clock with the goal of opening Box Hill Public School in early 2025 by delivering purpose-built temporary facilities on George Street, Box Hill.

### Thank you

Thank you to the community members that attended our information session at Rouse Hill Public School on the evening of Monday 29 July 2024.

We welcomed **110** community members on the evening and were able to share information about the project as well as answer questions about school enrolments, intake area and temporary facilities.

The feedback we received from attendees was positive and reiterated the need for local schools in Box Hill. We also received several questions and requests for additional information. Responses to the most frequently asked questions are provided in this project update.

### Box Hill Public School Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 2025

Families with children who are eligible to start Kindergarten in 2025 or whose children are in Kindergarten or Year 1 in 2024 can submit an expression of interest (EOI) via [schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/](https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/) or by going to the school's webpage at [boxhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/](https://boxhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/).

Non-local enrolment applications for children living outside of the proposed intake areas will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the [Department of Education's Enrolment Policy](#). This will only be considered if places are available, and the school is able to accommodate the student. Please contact the Principal of the school where you are seeking enrolment for further information.

All families in the intake area will be guaranteed a place at Rouse Hill Public School and all EOIs will continue to be reviewed as the school's capacity increases.



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## Next steps

In the coming months, the school will work to finalise the school values, motto and logo and continue consultation with the local community about other operational aspects of the school like extracurricular activities, canteen facilities and Out of School Hours (OOSH) care.

Family members who completed the EOI form will be contacted individually and all ongoing communications for this process will be led by the school staff.

Regarding the construction of the temporary school, we are finalising site assessments and planning approval documentation. Once planning approval is granted, we expect to begin site establishment activities like installing fencing followed by groundworks and construction. The community will be informed as the project progresses.

## Frequently asked questions

### What is the exact address of the temporary school?

The temporary school facilities will be built on the corner of George St and Merens St, Box Hill, adjacent to Newfoundland Way.

A map of the school location can be found in the [July 2024 Project Update](#) in the library tab of the project webpage: [edu.nsw.link/NewPrimaryandHighSchoolBoxHill](https://edu.nsw.link/NewPrimaryandHighSchoolBoxHill).

### When will Box Hill Public School in temporary facilities open?

Our goal is to open the temporary school in early 2025. This date can be confirmed once planning work is completed in the coming months.

We will continue to update families on our progress as 2025 approaches and will ensure families are offered support if they need to transition from Rouse Hill Public School, particularly if our goal of opening by early 2025 cannot be achieved.

### Will my child be guaranteed a place at Box Hill Public School?

All families in the intake area for Box Hill Public School will be guaranteed a place at Rouse Hill Public School.

Due to the level of expected interest in the new school, particularly when it opens with a smaller capacity, acceptance at Box Hill Public School will depend on capacity.

All EOIs will continue to be reviewed as the school's capacity increases.

### Can I enrol my child at Box Hill Public School if we live outside the assigned intake area?

While parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice, acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend and the school being able to accommodate the child. Parents can make a non-local enrolment application. This will be considered if places are available, and the school is able to accommodate the student, in line with the [department's enrolment policy](#).

## **When will enrolments for children from Years 3 to 6 be available?**

Enrolments for students living in the intake area for Box Hill Public School will expand to include Years 3 to 6 from Term 3 in 2025. The community will be updated once expressions of interest for these year groups open.

Information about the intake areas and what this means can be found in the [July 2024 information boards](#) in the library tab of the [project page](#).

## **Will the intake area change when the permanent school is built?**

With the new schools at Box Hill and Gables opening in the coming years, some changes to the intake areas will likely be required. Demographic analysis of population trends will be ongoing and will inform these changes. The community will be informed of any proposed changes to intake areas in the future.

## **Will the temporary facilities be of good quality?**

Temporary schools are flexible, modular spaces that help schools to operate while the planning and construction of permanent facilities is underway. We are experienced in constructing temporary schools which are equipped and resourced in line with equipment and resources that are provided to permanent schools.

Elements such as accessibility, student wellbeing, comfort and technology are at the core of how the temporary facilities are designed and delivered. For information about temporary schools can be found at [edu.nsw.link/TemporarySchools](https://edu.nsw.link/TemporarySchools).

These facilities are already supporting other new school communities in Nirimba Fields and Tallawong.

## **Will there be a bus service for the temporary school?**

We are working with traffic specialists and Transport for NSW to identify the transport needs for the school. We will include more information in project communications as this work continues.

## **Will there be extracurricular activities in the temporary school?**

There will be extracurricular activities available at Box Hill Public School. These activities will be guided by the student numbers and will be created in consultation with families of students attending the school.

## **What will be the start and finish times for the school?**

We will be working with local schools around the region as well as traffic consultants and transport specialists to identify the start and finish times for school operations. The community will be informed when this is confirmed.

**Will there be any road infrastructure upgrades connecting Terry Road to the temporary school?**

The department will be working to deliver the new temporary school on George Street in Box Hill. The department will communicate with council about traffic management that would support the school.

**Does my child need to change schools?**

No. If your child is already attending another public school, such as Rouse Hill Public School, or has already been accepted into another school, you do not need to re-enrol. Your place at the school is not impacted by this change.

**How will siblings be accommodated?**

The department enrolment policy continues to apply, which prioritises keeping siblings together.

**Keep in touch**

You can find more information about the project at: [edu.nsw.link/NewPrimaryandHighSchoolBoxHill](https://edu.nsw.link/NewPrimaryandHighSchoolBoxHill)  
You can also contact us via our community information line and email using the details below.