

Box Hill new primary school and high school

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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 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.

Enrolling at Rouse Hill Public School and Box Hill Public School

The school intake areas for 2025 have now been finalised. Please see the map overleaf for details. Information is also available on the 'School Finder' webpage at schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au.

In 2025, a shared intake area will be in place for Rouse Hill and Box Hill Public Schools where students can be considered for both schools.

Families living in the shared intake area can continue to enrol their children at Rouse Hill Public School, and will continue to be guaranteed a place.

Additionally, families living in the shared intake area can **submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)** to enrol their children at Box Hill Public School. The community will be notified when the EOI opens in the coming weeks.

When Box Hill Public School opens in 2025, it will cater for students from **Kindergarten to Year 2**. **From Day 1, Term 3 2025**, enrolments will expand to include **Kindergarten to Year 6**.

This approach has been selected to accommodate a high level of expected interest and will enable us to open school facilities sooner using a staged approach.



Community Information Session

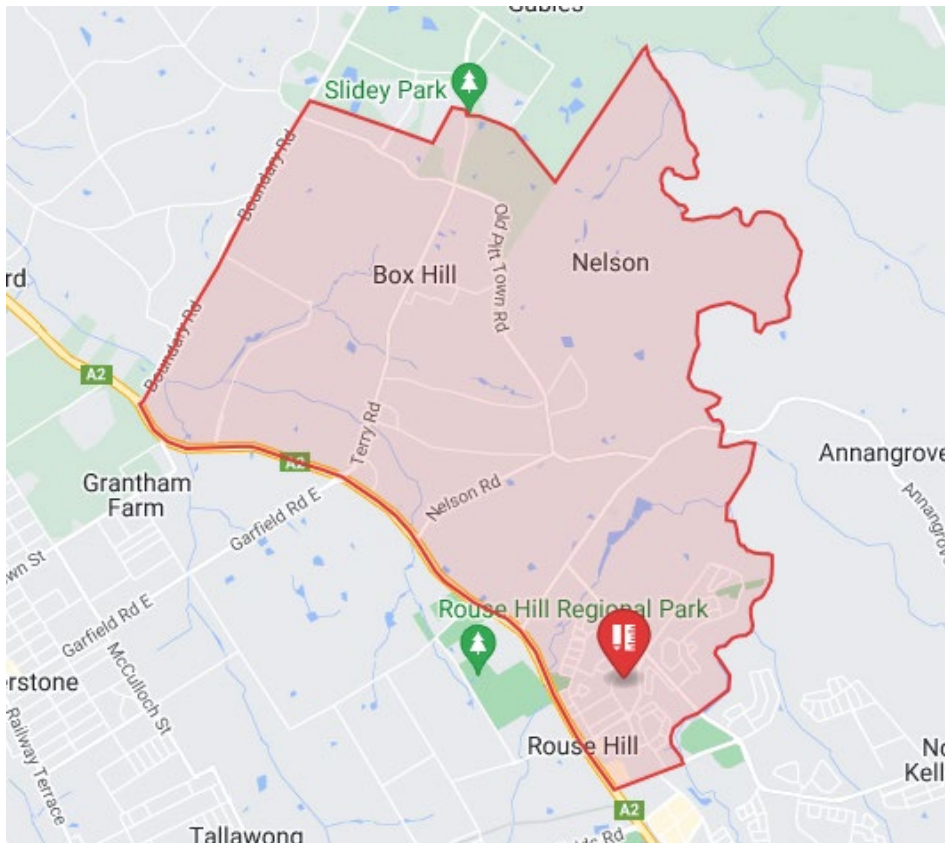
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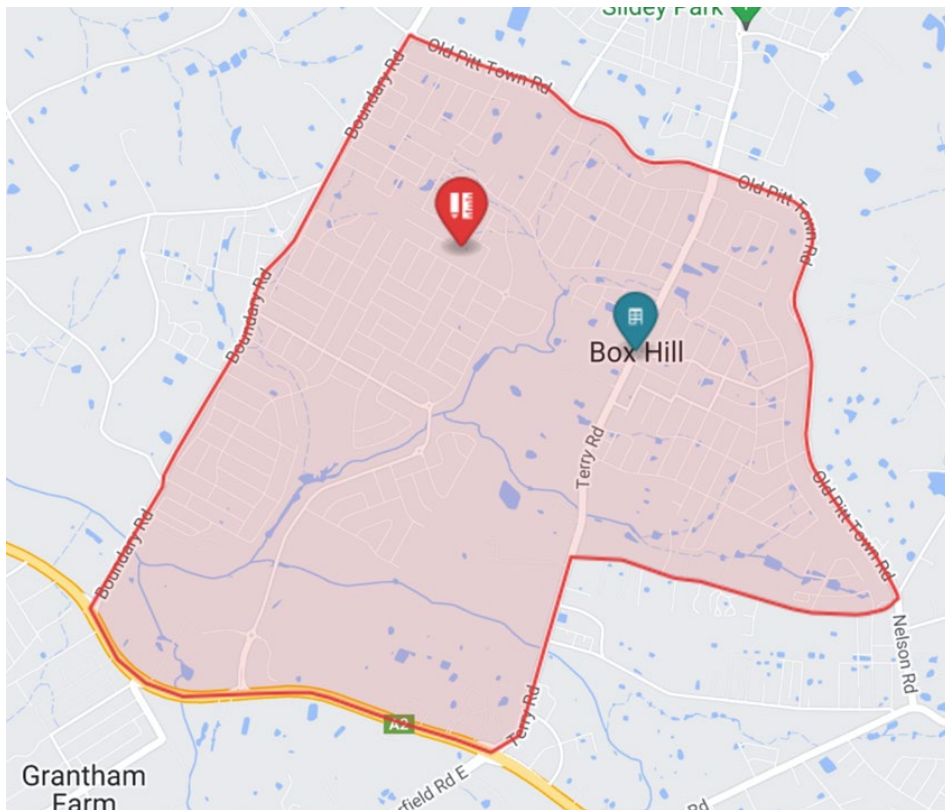


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Intake area for Rouse Hill Public School (unchanged)



Intake area for Box Hill Public School (within Rouse Hill PS's intake area)



Frequently asked questions

When will Box Hill Public School open?

We are currently designing the temporary school with the goal of opening from Day 1 Term 1 2025. However, this date cannot be confirmed until planning work is completed later this year.

We will continue to update families on our progress as 2025 approaches and will ensure families are offered support if they choose to transition from Rouse Hill Public School, in the event that our goal of opening by Term 1 2025 cannot be achieved.

What year groups will Box Hill Public School cater to?

To ensure we open the school as early as possible, Box Hill Public School will open in stages.

When it opens, the school will cater for students from **Kindergarten to Year 2**.

From Day 1, Term 3, enrolments will expand to include **Kindergarten to Year 6**.

This will help us continue building the rest of the temporary school after it opens, using an isolated area of the site and clear protocols so that we minimise disruption to teaching and learning.

Why has a shared intake area been developed?

We have used multiple strategies to bring forward the expected completion date of the temporary school. This includes a shared intake area and a staged opening, allowing more students to be accommodated later in the year as we add to the school's capacity.

All families within the Rouse Hill Public School catchment will continue to be guaranteed a place at that school as expressions of interest open for enrolment at Box Hill Public School.

We will aim to phase-out the shared intake area by 2026, reverting to a more traditional enrolment process.

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

Families can **submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)** as part of the online enrolment process when the link becomes available in the coming weeks. The department will consider all EOIs in line with its enrolment policy, which will give preference to families living close to the school and consider families' unique circumstances wherever possible.

All families in the intake area 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 an initially smaller capacity, **acceptance at Box Hill Public School cannot be guaranteed** at this time. However, this will continue to be reviewed as the school's capacity increases.

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 move. Your place at your current school is not impacted by this change.

How will siblings be accommodated?

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

How were the new intake areas determined?

Intake areas are defined through the careful evaluation of local conditions including expected demand, the permanent capacity of existing schools, projects being planned, travel distance and enrolment patterns, the expected impact of any changes, and the long-term enrolment needs of a group of schools.

Will my circumstances be considered in assessing the EOI?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional and compelling circumstances will need to be considered. If this is the case, you should talk to the Principal of your local school.

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's enrolment policy.

Other questions?

Please attend our community information session on Monday 29 July 2024.



We encourage all questions to be submitted in advance to ensure they are answered robustly on the day.

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Walking together

We understand that a staggered enrolment can be a complicated process and we will work to provide added support for families with students moving from Rouse Hill Public.

This may include providing students with learning provisions around specific needs, minimising administrative tasks like re-enrolment processes and developing a coordinated approach with both schools focusing on student wellbeing and learning experience.

More information

You can find more information about the project at: edu.nsw.link/NewPrimaryandHighSchoolBoxHill

You can also contact us via our community information line and email using the details below.