

# Box Hill new primary school and high school

## Planning update | September 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 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 The 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 with the goal of opening Box Hill Public School as soon as possible in early 2025, in purpose-built temporary facilities on George Street, Box Hill.

### Progress update and next steps

Site assessments and due diligence studies are continuing, and we are close to finalising the project masterplan at the site of the new schools which will be located at 50-52 Terry Road, Box Hill. Once a master plan is finalised we will develop a concept design for the project and start the statutory planning approval process required to build the new schools.

The community will be kept informed as more information becomes available.

For the construction of the temporary facilities for Box Hill Public School, located at George Street Box Hill, we have continued the consultation with relevant agency stakeholders including the Hills Shire Council.

In the coming weeks, we will be completing documentation required for construction to begin. The community will be notified closer to construction starting. In the meantime, some low impact activities have started to take place at the site.

### Site establishment at the temporary school site

We have begun establishing the construction site for the temporary school and begin to conduct low impact works at the site, these include:

- installing banner mesh surrounding the site
- establishing the entrance points for construction to take place
- installing site sheds and worker amenities
- soil erosion control
- preparatory works for building the staff car park



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## School operations update

Melanie Mackie has been appointed as the Foundation Principal of the school. Melanie will continue to work with the existing team to establish the systems and processes for the school to be operational from Day 1 Term 1 2025.

We thank the families who completed the Expressions of Interest (EOI) form for students wanting to attend Box Hill Public School in 2025 between Kindergarten and Year 2. The school is currently assessing the EOIs and will begin contacting the families of those who applied to confirm enrolment early in Term 4.

Arrangements for the opening of the school on Day 1, Term 1 2025 will be confirmed in the coming months.

We expect the school logo, motto and values will be finalised and communicated with the school community in Term 4. This includes when and how the school uniforms can be purchased.

## Message from the Foundation Principal of Box Hill Public School



I am honoured to lead Box Hill Public School as the Foundation Principal. It is a privilege to lead this new and vibrant learning community, where we are dedicated to building a school culture grounded in high expectations and excellence. At Box Hill Public School, we believe that every student has the potential to achieve greatness.

Our vision is to create an environment where all students are encouraged to reach their personal best, supported by teaching practices committed to support their personal and academic growth. We aim to be a school where every child feels valued, nurtured, included, and empowered to succeed.

Central to our vision is the strength of our community. I am committed to working in collaboration with the Box Hill community to foster positive relationships that support our students. Together, we will build a strong sense of belonging and inclusion, ensuring that our school is a place where every student, family, and staff member feels welcome and engaged.

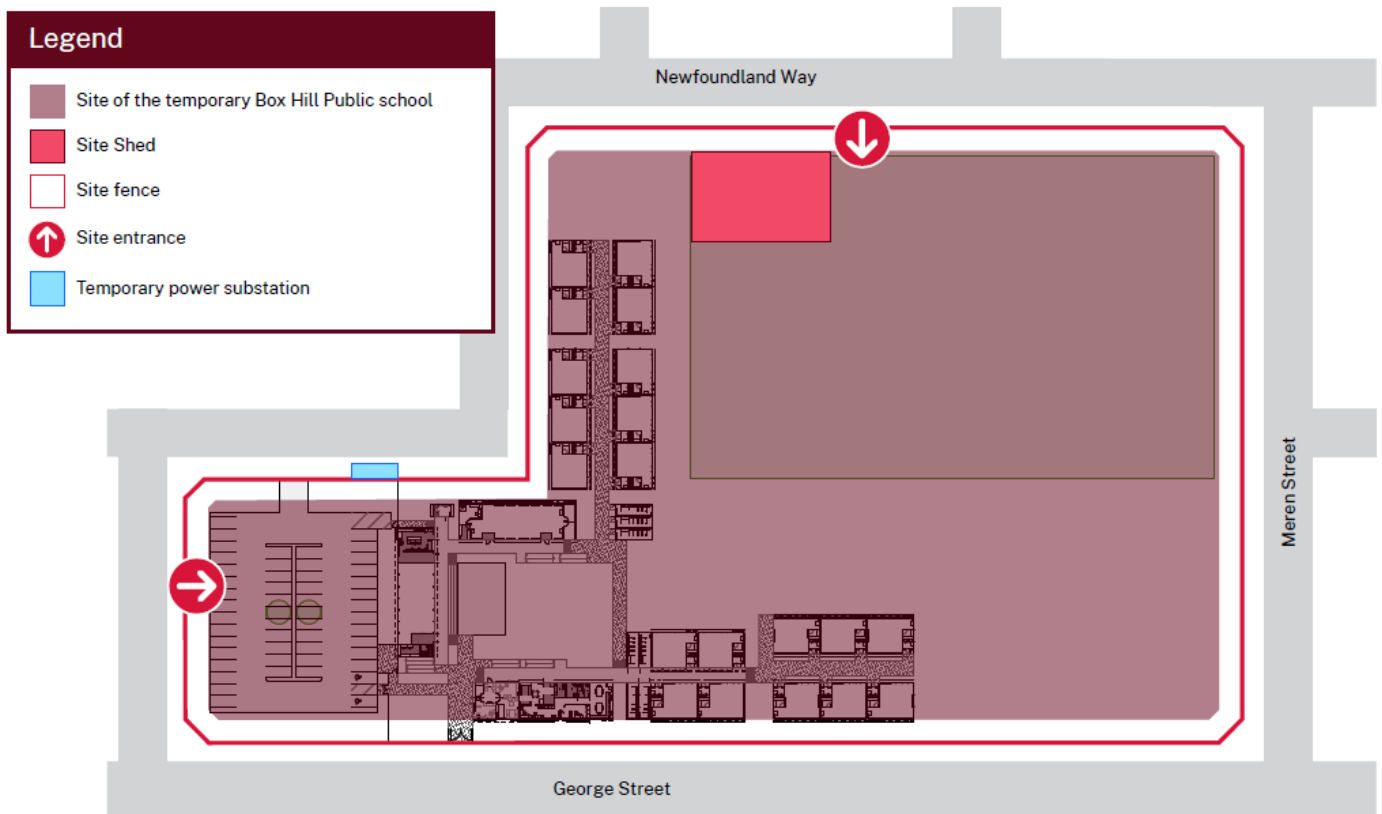
I am eager to connect with each of you as we begin this exciting journey together. By uniting around our shared vision, we have the opportunity to build something truly special, a school that sets the highest standards, celebrates our collective achievements, and provides every student with the tools they need to thrive, where our students are inspired, challenged, and empowered to reach their full potential.

I am excited about the wonderful journey ahead and look forward to welcoming our first students to the temporary facilities during 2025.

Warm regards,

Melanie Mackie  
Foundation Principal

## Site plan



## Frequently asked questions

### **I expressed interest in my child attending Box Hill Public School. Do I need to complete an enrolment application?**

If you completed the EOI form and you are in the catchment area for Box Hill Public School, you will not need to do a new enrolment application. The school team will work with you directly to guide you on the next steps and what this will look like depending on the specific circumstances.

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

Arrangements for the opening of the school on Day 1, Term 1 2025 will be confirmed in the coming months.

### **What happens if the temporary school is delayed? Will my child lose their current enrolment place in their current school?**

If the temporary facilities are not ready for the beginning of the school year in 2025, Box Hill Public school will operate independently in the grounds of Rouse Hill Public School in existing facilities.

The department will work directly with the families of enrolled students to ensure that the process of moving from one school facilities to another causes minimal impact to student learning.

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

Under the [Department's Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools Policy](#), parents are entitled to enrol their child at the local school within the designated intake area which the child is eligible to attend.

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 only be considered if places are available, and the school is able to accommodate the student.

A student's local school may not always be the closest geographically due to population density.

## 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).

## 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.