



Artist impression of school infrastructure urban design for Green Square Public School

Rydalmere Education Campus

Planning update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Rydalmere Education Campus progress

Funding for the planning of a new public education campus to cater for the expected population growth in the Rydalmere area was included in the NSW Budget 2021-22. The Rydalmere Education Campus will house a new primary and high school, catering for Kindergarten to Year 12 students.

The project is in the early planning phase, which involves the development of a business case investigating multiple delivery methods that could be used to build the educational campus. The plans being considered include a:

- Traditional delivery, where School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) finds and obtains land for a new school and works directly with architects and construction contractors to build the school.
- Integrated development, which involves partnering with other government agencies and the private sector to collectively develop a wider Rydalmere precinct. This may include mixed-use residential, educational campus and commercial offerings.

In each scenario, the Department of Education would operate the schools and through its planning process, SINSW would ensure the best value and outcome for the community is achieved, and that the schools are designed at the heart of the new community.

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Whilst we are investigating the delivery methods, other planning work is underway. This includes architects and other technical experts to investigate and develop master plan options.

The preliminary master plan options for the site and delivery methods for the school infrastructure will be considered within a final business submitted for government approval.

Additional information

Integrated development schools

Partnering with other government agencies and the private sector to plan and deliver schools as part of an integrated development could help reduce land costs and allow schools to be a shared community feature of newly established precincts.

This approach aims to encourage innovation in design and construction and increase opportunities to share publicly owned school facilities with the wider community.

The integrated development approach is being considered for several urban schools across NSW. To learn more about this approach, visit [Integrated development schools](#) or scan the QR code.



Guaranteeing a quality learning experience

All new schools must meet the department's specific design requirements. We are developing guidelines for the delivery of integrated schools to ensure that schools can effectively deliver the curriculum, with learning outcomes at the forefront of the integrated school model.

These design principles and guidelines will incorporate lessons learned from both in NSW and around the world. They will also be aligned to a range of existing policies and guidelines that help us build great schools.

What happens next?

We are still in the planning phase for this project and determining how the project will be delivered. The planning phase involves masterplan design work with architects, consultation with stakeholders and the community, a planning pathway process involving a State Significant Development application, and procurement and tendering for a contractor to deliver the project. It may take a number of years to complete the new school, but we will keep you informed along the way.

How will we keep you informed on the Rydalmere Education Campus?

We will share information with our community on www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au. Our information hotline and email address are also available to respond to community enquiries.



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