



Artist impression of the school

Sydney Olympic Park new high school

Project update

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The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

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.

Project overview

A new high school is being developed to cater for the growing population in the Sydney Olympic Park, Concord West and Wentworth Point communities. The site is part of 7-11 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point.

The high school will have flexible teaching and learning spaces for approximately 1,500 students as well as a multipurpose hall for sports and performance, outdoor spaces including landscaped recreation areas, games courts, and canteen facilities.

Progress summary

The site for the school, on land previously owned by Transport for NSW, has now been purchased by the Department of Education.

The Response to Submissions report for the State Significant Development (SSD) application was lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

A revised planning report outlining how the school will be delivered in phases is required to support the SSD before DPE completes its assessment. This amendment has been lodged with DPE and will be placed on public exhibition for additional comment via the planning portal: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/sydney-olympic-park-new-high-school.

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A phased approach to construction

Funding has been fully committed and approved to build a high school accommodating 1,500 students. This has previously been referred to as Stage 1 and Stage 2, due to the timing of the funding coming through.

The intent is to build the school as quickly as possible to minimise disruption to the community, and to do so we have to work within the existing statutory planning context of the Wentworth Point Peninsula.

The masterplan for the final school (submitted in the original SSD application) includes a proposed new road on the Eastern side of the school leading to the playing field. However this road and playing field is subject to planning approvals linked to a revision of the masterplan of the Wentworth Point Peninsula, which is not yet approved.

To commence construction and ensure completion at the earliest possible time, an amendment to the previously exhibited SSD application and site plan for the school has been made to allow us to phase the construction and deliver facilities as early as possible. This will allow the construction of the new high school to run in parallel with the finalisation of the plans for the remainder of the Peninsula and the future road plans by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Landcom.

Until the updated plans for the road are approved, our amended plans for the high school will display the existing planned 'Ridge Road' which goes through the site of the future school hall and playing fields.

The intent is that the construction of both phases may be able to occur together with no gap between them, however the completion of the hall may occur after the opening of the school.

Phase 1

The construction of all teaching areas will be completed and a temporary hall for the starting group of students will be provided in the library which is in the main building facing Burroway Road. The school will accommodate up to 850 students at the completion of Phase 1. The expected completion date of the construction of Phase 1 and operational opening of the school is subject to final planning approval and will be confirmed once SSD approval is granted.

Phase 1 site layout



Phase 2 site layout (subject to approval of modification)



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Phase 2

Once the modification to the Peninsula masterplan is approved, including the updated plans for the road, we will start work on the remaining parts of the school which include the multipurpose hall and sports courts and relocating the bicycle parking area. The temporary hall space will be removed from the Library.

This approval will also allow the construction of the Eastern Road, joint use sports field and joint use staff parking to start. This is subject to authority approval of the Peninsula and the future road plans, which is being submitted by Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Student numbers at the new high school

Funding to build a high school accommodating 1,500 has been approved (both 'phases'), and the intent is to build the school in one go to minimise disruption to the community and as this is more cost effective.

Consistent with the existing SSD application, until the adjoining playing field is delivered, student numbers at the high school have to be capped at a maximum of 850 students to meet requirements for open space. This is also linked to the existing planning approvals for the Wentworth Point Peninsula and revision of the masterplan that incorporates the road and playing field.

As is normal with a new high school, it will start with only one or two year groups, i.e. Year 7 or Years 7 and 8. Student numbers will grow progressively from the first year of opening. This is to make sure there are adequate numbers of students and teaching staff to deliver a full curriculum based on the elective preferences of the students at the school. This also allows time to develop the school culture and to establish systems and processes in consultation with key stakeholders to reflect the school's growing identity.

For example, [Inner Sydney High School](#) opened in 2020 with Year 7, and currently has Years 7, 8 and 9. The school will see its first Year 7-12 cohort in 2025. [Oran Park High School](#) opened in 2020 with Year 7 and Year 8 offered and currently has Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. The school will see its first Year 7-12 cohort in 2024.

An update will be provided before the opening of enrolments for the new high school in Wentworth Point once the starting year groups have been determined.

Student numbers of up to 850 at the new high school are not expected to be reached until a number of years after opening.

It is anticipated that the playing field, which will be under a joint use agreement and available for public use outside school hours, will be delivered well before high school student enrolments reach 850 students.

More information

Transport and traffic

In addition to the supporting transport infrastructure proposals outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and until the updated plans for the road are approved, our amended plans for the high school will display the existing planned 'Ridge Road' which goes through the site, and also maintain the existing roundabout at Burroway Road.

It is expected that the revised Peninsula masterplan will allow for the existing Burroway Road roundabout to be changed to a T-intersection with pedestrian crossing. This will improve access along the northern side of Burroway Road and provide a safer crossing experience for students.

The selection of the school site at Wentworth Point is based on the availability of sustainable transport options in the area. The majority of students expected to attend the school live within walking or riding distance of the school, or on active public transport routes.

The department will continue to consult with TfNSW regarding transport and infrastructure and using enrolment figures to plan additional bus services as required.

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What will the school enrolment intake area be?

The intake area will be confirmed closer to the school opening. Changes to surrounding intake areas are made to accommodate a new school into a local network and this typically takes place around 12 months before the new school opens. This ensures the community is well informed in advance of enrolment periods and the school can prepare for anticipated student numbers.

When will construction start?

Construction on the first phase of the new school is expected to begin this year after receiving approval of the SSD application.

Following planning approval, the construction start and completion dates will be confirmed when the delivery program has been finalised.

All new school developments are built in phases starting with preparing the site, foundations, buildings, and ending with landscaping. More information about how we will build this new high school will be provided but the aim is to complete the high school as soon as possible, minimising disruption to the community.

Next steps

- The revised planning report that outlines the phases involved in the completion of the school will be placed on public exhibition by the Department of Planning and Environment via their website: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/sydney-olympic-park-new-high-school.
- Project signage and shade cloth will be installed on the high school site.
- Main works contract will be awarded.
- Following planning approval, main construction works will begin. As we prepare for establishment onsite and works to start, we will update the community on how we will manage and mitigate impacts of construction.

How can I stay informed?

We are committed to working together with our school communities to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

To get involved in the project:

- Visit the project website at edu.nsw.link/SOPHS for all the project details, project updates and documentation.
- Register via the form on the 'Get involved' tab to have project updates like this emailed to you.
- Attend the community information session on Wednesday June 1 2022, details below.

Community information session: 1 June 2022

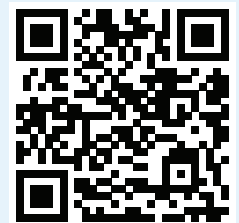
You are invited to attend a community information session to find out more about this project including the revised planning proposal and how construction is being phased to deliver the facilities as soon as possible.

You will also be able to speak with the project team to provide feedback and ask questions about the project.

Time: 3:15 pm to 7 pm

Location: Wentworth Point Public School, 5 Burroway Road Wentworth Point.

To make sure we can speak with all attendees, please register your attendance for a 30 minute time slot at the QR code or edu.nsw.link/SOPHS



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