

Sydney Olympic Park new high school

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Artist impression of the new high school

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.

The new high school will include:



Flexible teaching and learning spaces
for approximately **1500** students



Multipurpose hall for
sports and performance



Outdoor spaces including landscaped recreation
areas, playing fields and game courts



A library



Canteen facilities



Performance arts spaces

Progress summary

The NSW Government is increasing its investment in public education infrastructure, with funding for 44 new and upgraded school projects announced as part of the NSW 2021/22 Budget. This includes additional teaching spaces and specialist curriculum facilities for the Sydney Olympic Park new high school project, increasing the number of students to be accommodated from more than 800 to approximately 1500.

A contract has been awarded to Roberts Co. for early design and contractor involvement. This means we enter into an agreement with the contractor to provide their knowledge and skills as a builder in the early design phases of the project.

The project team has worked with the contractor and architect to further develop and finalise the concept design in consultation with key stakeholders.

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for the project will soon be lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The public exhibition dates for the SSD will be shared on the project website once they are available.

Next steps

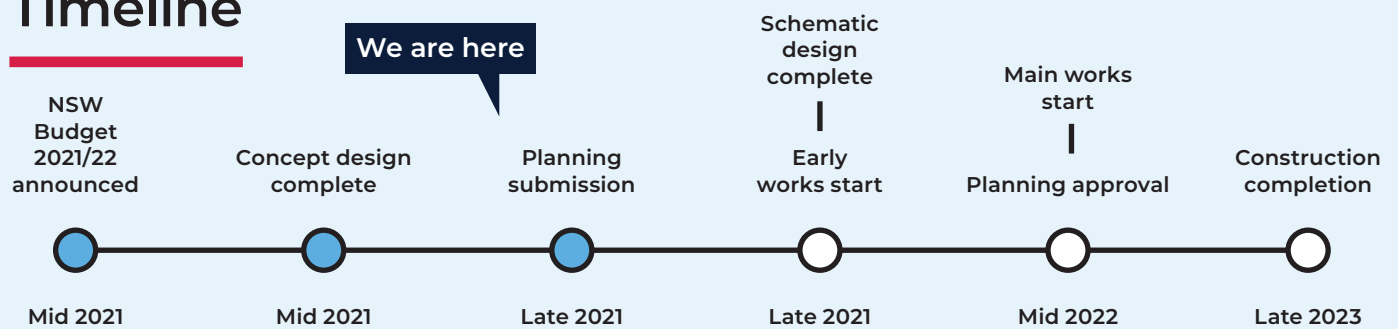
- Community virtual information session from 16-23 September 2021.
- DPIE will publicly exhibit the SSD application.
- Progress development of the schematic design.
- Determination of the SSD application.
- Early and enabling construction works are expected to take place from late 2021 to mid 2022, with main construction works expected to start in mid 2022, pending SSD determination.
- Information on construction timing and staging will be shared as the designs are further developed.

We invite you to view more information about this project at the virtual information session from **9 am Thursday 16 September to 5 pm Thursday 23 September** by visiting edu.nsw.link/ITB5A6.

With additional funding for this project announced mid 2021, the concept design for the high school has been revised to incorporate additional teaching spaces and specialist curriculum facilities.

The below timeline shows indicative dates only. The completion date will be confirmed once the planning application has been approved and a delivery program has been finalised.

Timeline



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Concept design

The proposed design for the new school includes a six-storey building with two wings, and a multipurpose hall for fitness, movement and performance.

The layout of the school building creates a central courtyard for students that is physically separated and protected from the surrounding streets. Administration, library, performance and fitness facilities will be on the ground floor and level 1 to allow for easy connection with the community and potential use of some facilities by community outside of school hours.

One wing will accommodate specialist teaching spaces with the second wing housing general learning spaces. Staff facilities and learning common areas will be spread throughout both wings.

How can I find out more about the SSD?

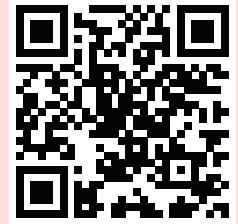
Following submission of the SSD application, you can find detailed information about the Sydney Olympic Park new high school, located in Wentworth Point, by going to DPIE's website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/40751.

How can I provide feedback on the SSD application for the new high school?

Once on public exhibition, all feedback on the SSD application should be submitted to DPIE. To find out how to submit your feedback, please go to: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

Invitation to information session

There will be a virtual information session to share further details and support the community in learning more about the project and SSD application. Attend the online session **from 9 am Thursday 16 September** by visiting edu.nsw.gov.au/link/ITB5A6 or scanning the QR code.



Frequently asked questions

Are plans likely to change?

Schematic designs are being developed in consultation with key stakeholders and we are working through the planning approval process. Some aspects of the design may change as we move through these processes. The overall approach to the upgrade and scope is likely to remain the same.

How will transport and traffic be managed?

As part of the early planning process, the opportunities and challenges associated with student travel to the Wentworth Point site were assessed. This assessment supports that the site is highly accessible for students to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to the school.

A complete transport assessment has been conducted, including traffic surveys, to support the planning application for this project. According to modelling, long term congestion is expected to reduce. This is because majority of students attending the new local high school will no longer be required to travel out of the Wentworth Point Peninsula using Hill Road. Students will instead walk, cycle and use buses to travel to school within the peninsula. For the approximately one third of students expected to travel to the school via car, this travel is opposite to the peak flow that is currently causing congestion in this area.

A range of infrastructure is proposed to support the school including drop off and pickup facilities, as well as infrastructure that will be delivered as part of future development plans.

Frequently asked questions (continued)

Traffic and transport movements are considered as part of the statutory planning SSD application process and is formalised in the Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment (TAIA). This will be submitted as part of this project's SSD application, and exhibited for public information and comment.

In addition, a School Travel Plan is being developed in consultation with Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) using the findings of the TAIA. This includes active travel options such as safe walking and cycling routes, as well as bus services aimed at limiting traffic congestion in the local area. Information about new transport and access arrangements will be communicated to parents and the local community prior to the school opening.

What will the intake area be for the new high school?

The intake area (sometimes referred to as the 'catchment') will be confirmed closer to the school opening and will be based on the most up to date demographic data on the number of school aged children living in the local area at the time the school opens, along with consideration of suitable active and public transport options and enrolment trends at surrounding schools.

What about the adjoining playing field?

The proposed adjoining playing field, to be developed, will be subject to a Joint Use Arrangement and available for public use outside school hours. The exact specification of the playing field will be resolved as the design continues to be developed in consultation with Council and Transport for NSW and is part of a separate approval process.

What about other plans for the Wentworth Point Peninsula?

The masterplan for Wentworth Point Peninsula is being updated by Transport for NSW. This update will accommodate the new high school and Peninsula Park alongside mixed-use development and waterfront facilities.

Transport for NSW will share further information with the community on the masterplan update and park as the project progresses. For further information, contact projects@transport.nsw.gov.au.

For more information

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. To get involved in this project:

- Sign up to receive project updates like this emailed to you: edu.nsw.link/ITB5A6
- Attend the information session **16-23 September 2021**.
- Provide more input during the public exhibition of the SSD application. Comments must be submitted to DPIE via www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/40751.

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