



Artist impression of the entrance at the new primary school in Tallawong (subject to change)

Tallawong Public School

Information pack | August 2023

Planning is continuing to deliver a new primary school at Tallawong to cater for the growing community. The permanent facilities will include:



New general learning spaces



Support units



Amenities



Modern core facilities including canteen, hall and library



Sports facilities

The new primary school will open in purpose-built, temporary facilities on Day 1, Term 1 2024 and will be located at Riverstone Public School. The temporary school will include:



Accommodate 150 students



Dedicated facilities



Operating Day 1
Term 1 2024

Tallawong Public School name confirmed

The name of the future school was gazetted on Thursday, 13 July following much community consultation.

A survey on the naming demonstrated overwhelming community support for 'Tallawong Public School', which is of local significance to the traditional Aboriginal owners. Tallawong is the name of the suburb of the school's catchment area and is a word derived from the Darug word 'dalawang' for the apple gum tree, which is found in the region.

With the name now confirmed, a school webpage, facebook page and online enrolment has been established.

Tallawong Public School temporary facilities update

The new primary school is being planned to start operating from Day 1 Term 1 2024 in purpose built temporary facilities located at Riverstone Public School.

Works to install temporary school facilities on the grounds of Riverstone Public School have begun. This includes setting up construction fencing and installing shade cloth around the location of the temporary facilities. In the coming weeks, a small crane will be installed on site which will be used to install the temporary buildings. Traffic management will be in place when the temporary buildings are delivered, and the community will be notified once a date for these works are confirmed.

Access to the construction site will be via Regent Street. This entrance will be used for workers, deliveries, and equipment to minimise impact to the school operations at Riverstone Public School.

Work hours will be 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday and 7 am to 1 pm Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays. Installation of the temporary school facilities is expected to take approximately 10 weeks to complete.

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 and ensuring, where possible, that the temporary school reflects what's important to the local community.

Online enrolment is now open

Enrolment is now open for Kindergarten to Year 6 students to begin their learning journey in 2024. You can access the enrolment page for the school by going to the school webpage at edu.nsw.link/EnrolTallawongPS or by scanning the QR code.

The intake area was developed in consultation with the Directors of Leadership, Northwest Strategy School Operational Readiness, and the Ponds Principals Network.

Visit schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au to view a map of the intake area.



Message from the principal

It is a privilege to be able to join the new Tallawong Public school community ahead of its opening next year and I am looking forward to working collaboratively with families and key community members to shape our school over the coming months.

I am excited by the progress of both the permanent and temporary schools and the fit-for-purpose classrooms being planned for our students and teachers to use.

I look forward to welcoming everyone to our temporary facilities by Day 1, Term 1 2024 and the brand new school facilities from 2025. It is an exciting time as community and staff work together to make Tallawong Public School a vibrant place of learning. I can't wait to see what we will achieve together.

Regards,

Julie Grennard
Founding Principal



Frequently asked questions

When will construction begin at the site of the permanent new school?

The State Significant Development planning application is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning and Environment. Once the planning application is determined we will be able to provide an estimated construction timeline. The community will be notified once this information is available.

How will traffic be managed for the temporary school?

We understand that the temporary facilities will increase the number of cars to the area surrounding Riverstone Public School. We are conducting traffic analysis for the temporary school and consulting with key stakeholders like Transport for NSW and Blacktown Council.

How will school operations and sharing facilities work?

With the school principal now onboard and recruitment of staff underway, all aspects of school operations will begin. Operational elements like staggered lunch times or school start and finish times will be explored tailored to the number of enrolments the new school receives. More information will be available as these elements are confirmed.

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.

Frequently asked questions (cont.)

What if my child/children are already enrolled at another school?

If your child/children are enrolled in another school and you live within the catchment for the new school, you will have the choice to enrol in the new school. The Department encourages all students to attend the school they are zoned for and will have policies in place to ensure a smooth transition to the new school, including collaboration between staff from both schools to understand each student's specific learning needs.

What considerations were made for the location of the temporary primary school buildings within the Riverstone Public School site?

Planning requirements, existing infrastructure, retaining trees and accessibility were among the factors which were considered in determining the layout and location of the temporary school buildings. The layout offers the most certainty for the temporary school to be ready for students on Day 1 Term 1 2024.

Keep up to date

You can sign up to the project's mailing list by using the contact us form on the project webpage for a New primary school in Tallawong. You can find the webpage by going to the SINSW website and using the search function in the home page.

Stay informed



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Stay up to date by visiting the School Infrastructure NSW website
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