



An example of new high school facilities we are delivering across NSW

# The Forest High School relocation

## Planning update

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### Investing in our schools

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

The Forest High School is part of the re-zoning and planning framework for Frenchs Forest to create a new town centre for the community. The Forest High School will be relocated to a portion of 187 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights. This is located within the current intake area for The Forest High School.

Student learning will continue at the current school site until the new facilities are built.

### Request for SEARS

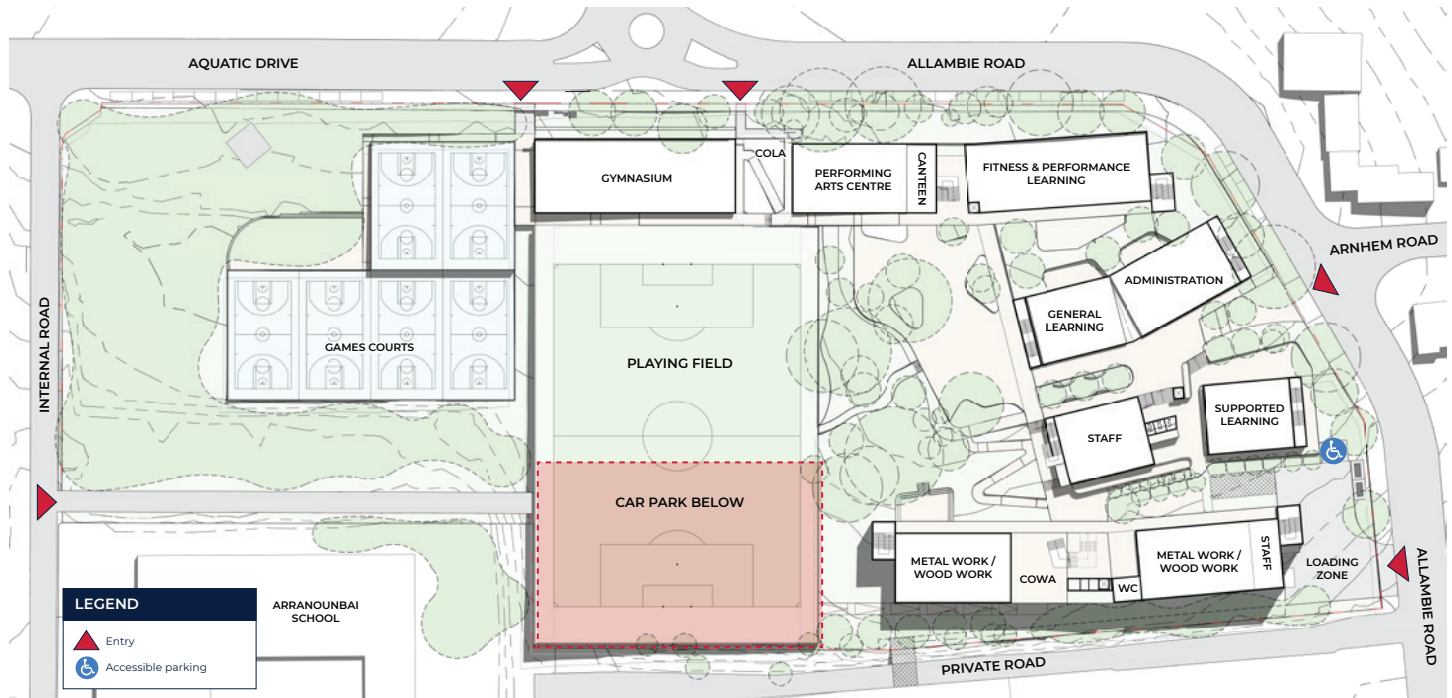
We have lodged a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), which is a key step in the planning process. The SEARs are the set of terms by which The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will assess School Infrastructure NSW's (SINSW) application for planning approval. The SEARs advise the studies that need to be included as part of the project's State Significant Development (SSD) application to gain development approval. To satisfy the SEARs, SINSW must prepare a document called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS provides a comprehensive description of the project's environmental, social and economic impacts. It includes detailed information on the project scope and design plans, and is the key document for an SSD application.

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## The design of the new site plan

A site plan has been submitted as part of the Request for SEARS. During the planning phase we work with key stakeholders to develop the education principles behind the new facilities, and identify constraints and opportunities of the site which inform the building footprints. The size of the building footprints and the general relationship between types of learning spaces and facilities are determined in accordance with NSW Department of Education guidelines.

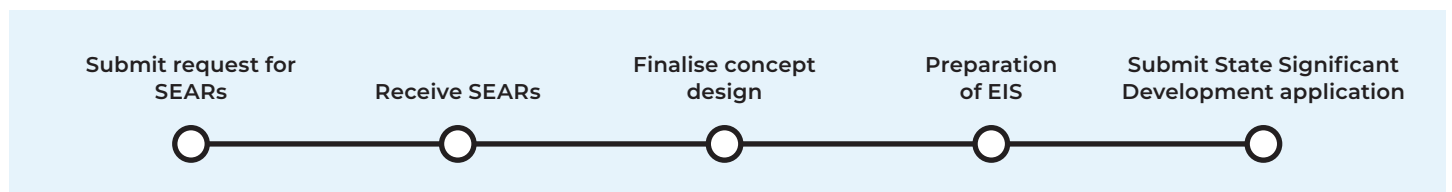


## How was this proposed site layout developed?

This early site layout looks at the needs of the school based on the spatial requirements, data, site constraints and the department's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG). This proposed layout was developed in consultation with the Project Reference Group (PRG), which includes representatives from the school and school community.

## Next steps

We are continuing to refine the design, considering educational, operational and service delivery requirements, in consultation with the PRG. The next design phase will be the concept design, where an architect will consider the overall layout and look and feel of the school, as well as the character of the buildings to ensure the design responds to the local surrounding area and takes into consideration heritage, environmental, access, transport and other planning requirements. Once finalised, the concept designs will be shared with the community for feedback.



Further updates regarding the relocation of The Forest High School will be released as the project progresses.

Find out more on the Frenchs Forest Precinct Plans by visiting:

[www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/Frenchs-Forest](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/Frenchs-Forest)

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