



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

# The Forest High School

## Planning update

July 2021

### 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.

### Relocation of The Forest High School

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 relocation of The Forest High School to deliver new fit for purpose learning spaces and core facilities. The relocation 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 site is located within the current intake area for The Forest High School (see overleaf).

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

### Progress summary

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) has undertaken an assessment of planning requirements for the relocation of The Forest High School. To date, this has included investigating the costs and benefits, spatial requirements of upgrades, and how they might fit within the wider Frenchs Forest community.

A Project Reference Group (PRG) has been established that includes architects, planners and design professionals, and representatives from the Department of Education, The Forest High School and the P&C.

### Next steps

The project is in the planning phase and will submit a business case seeking government approval to proceed.

We are working through the design aspects of the new school facilities which considers educational, operational and service delivery requirements, in consultation with the PRG.

We will also lodge a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), which is a key step in the planning process. The SEARs advise the studies that need to be included as part of the State Significant Development application.

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

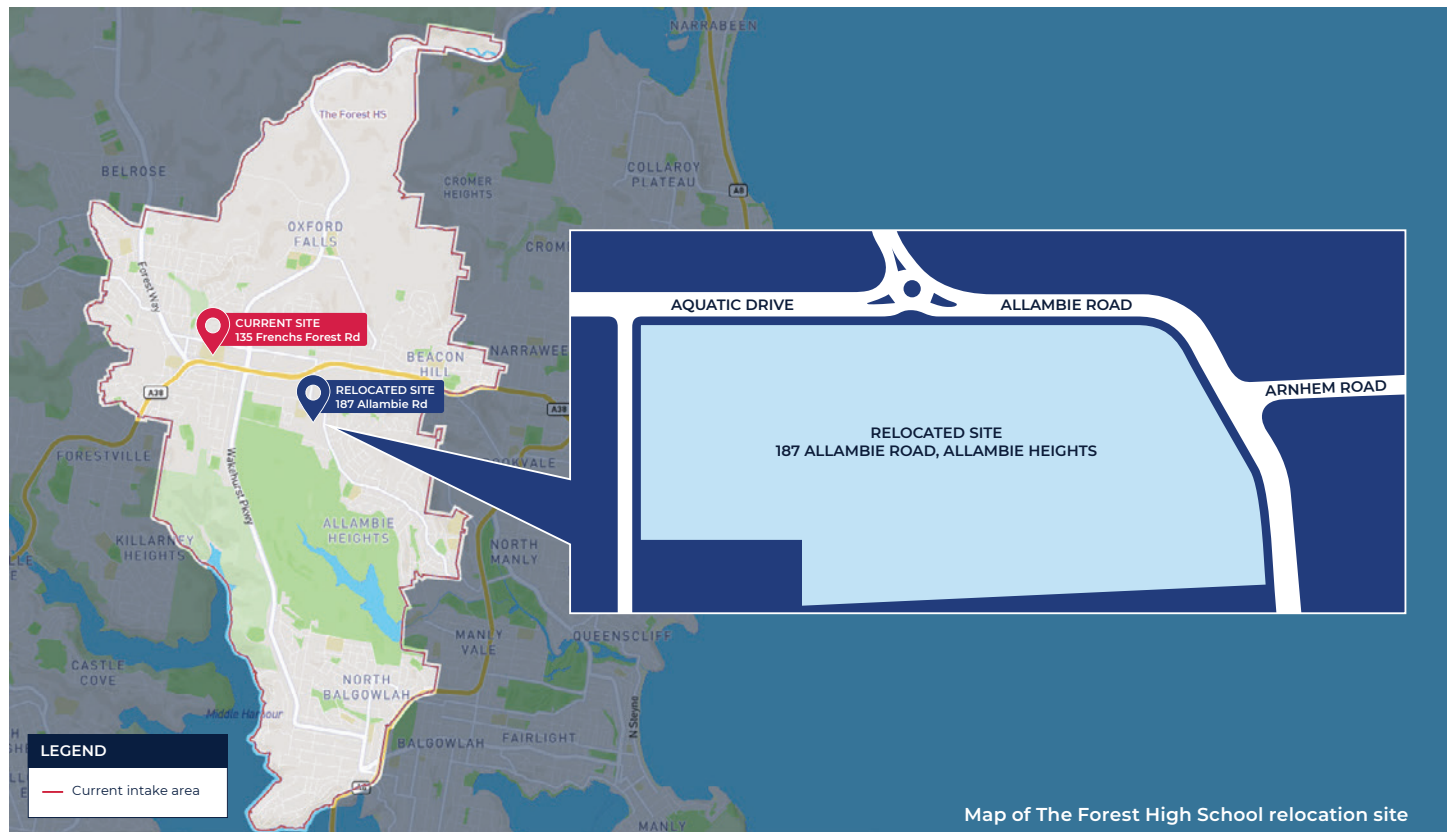
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## Have your say on the Frenchs Forest Precinct Plans

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)



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is The Forest High School relocating?

Frenchs Forest is undergoing significant investment from the New South Wales government to improve infrastructure and transport links in the area. This investment is an opportunity to revitalise Frenchs Forest and create a new town centre for the community. As a result, the current site of the school will provide the benefits of the town centre, and the school will relocate to a new site.

### Why was this location selected for the relocation of The Forest High School?

The Allambie Road site has been selected as it is central to the existing The Forest High School intake area, provides adequate space for a high school and the due diligence process found the site to be suitable. The land is already serviced by gas, water, electricity, stormwater and public transport.

It was also considered a benefit to have the Warringah Aquatic Centre sporting facilities nearby.

Cerebral Palsy Alliance will continue to provide essential services to the community from their premises adjacent to the acquired site.

### When will construction start and when will students relocate to the new school?

The project to relocate The Forest High School is in the planning phase. More information, including timeframes, will be provided as the project progresses.

Students will not move until the new high school facilities are built to minimise disruption to teaching and learning.

### How can I find out more about the project?

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to work closely with local community to share information as the project progresses. The website will continue to have up-to-date information about The Forest High School relocation:

[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/f/the-forest-high-school-relocation.html](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/f/the-forest-high-school-relocation.html)

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