NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



The Forest High School relocation

Project update

August 2022

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The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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.

The Forest High School relocation project will include modern flexible learning spaces for up to 1500 students; a new library, canteen and administration spaces; a multi-purpose sports and performance hall; new outdoor sports courts and landscaped recreation and outdoor learning spaces.

Progress update

The design for The Forest High School has continued to be developed in consultation with department experts, school representatives and the Project Reference Group. The Department of Education continually reviews the development of design for schools at every stage of a project to identify opportunities for changes that can provide better outcomes for students and school communities.

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In addition to updating the design, as part of the State Significant Development (SSD) application we are preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will include technical studies that consider such matters as traffic, noise, operations, ecology, bushfire and construction management. Finalising these studies has involved regular consultation with Northern Beaches Council, Transport for NSW and other key stakeholders, with consideration of community feedback received by the project to date.

The revised design for The Forest High School delivers a cutting-edge educational facility that enhances student movement around the site and retains maximum connection with outdoor space, while working to mitigate transport and environmental impacts on the surrounding area.

You are invited to attend a community information session to find out more about the revised design of the high school as well as updated proposed transport initiatives within and around the school site, the project timeline and the next steps. The project team will be available at the information session to answer questions about the project.

In the meantime, you can stay informed by regularly visiting the project web page and you can contact us via email or phone if you have any questions or feedback about the upgrades.

Next steps

Following the community information session, the project team will finalise and submit the State Significant Development (SSD) application for The Forest High School relocation project.

After the SSD application is lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), it will be put on public exhibition on the DPE website with the opportunity for the community to make submissions directly to DPE during that time.

Community information session - Thursday 11 August

You are invited to attend a community information session to find out more about the revised design including updated proposed transport initiatives within and around the school site, the project timeline and the next steps.

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

Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Time: 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm

Venue: The COLA, The Forest High School, 135 Frenchs Forest Road W, Frenchs Forest NSW

RSVP: We ask that you book your preferred 30-minute attendance time via edu.nsw.link/TFHSInfoSession or by

scanning the OR code below. This will ensure we can speak with all attendees and answer any questions

you may have.



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