

# Wentworth Point Schools

Project update | December 2023

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

The 2023-24 Budget committed funding to progress with the upgrade to Wentworth Point Public School and the Wentworth Point new high school.

## Wentworth Point Public School upgrade – Stage 2

### Project overview

A project to upgrade Wentworth Point Public School is in progress. The upgrade will include additional modern, fit-for-purpose permanent classrooms to meet growing enrolment demand in the area. The library will be reconfigured to better suit the needs of the school, with open spaces maximised and the temporary demountable buildings removed.

### Progress update

- The Development Application (DA) for the upgrade was lodged with City of Parramatta Council and placed on public exhibition in August 2023. Public exhibition has now closed and the application is under review by Council.
- A community information session was held in July 2023 to answer any questions about the upgrade project and the Wentworth Point new high school project.
- School Infrastructure NSW have responded to questions raised by Council and community members, as part of the DA process. All relevant documents can be found by searching **DA/425/2023** in the DA Tracker tab on the Council website at the link here. <https://onlineservices.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/ePathway/Prod/Web/default.aspx>.

### Next steps

- Council will review the Development Application. When satisfied they will grant approval and provide conditions of consent
- The tender process for a contractor to undertake the works will soon begin
- The contractor will work with School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) to determine a timeline for the completion of the work as soon as possible
- The final detailed designs for the upgrade will be developed with the contractor, SINSW and school leadership
- Investigation works will take place during the Summer holiday period
- Preparation works began in November to install two new temporary demountable classrooms at the end of this term. Further details are provided in a separate works notification distributed with this update.

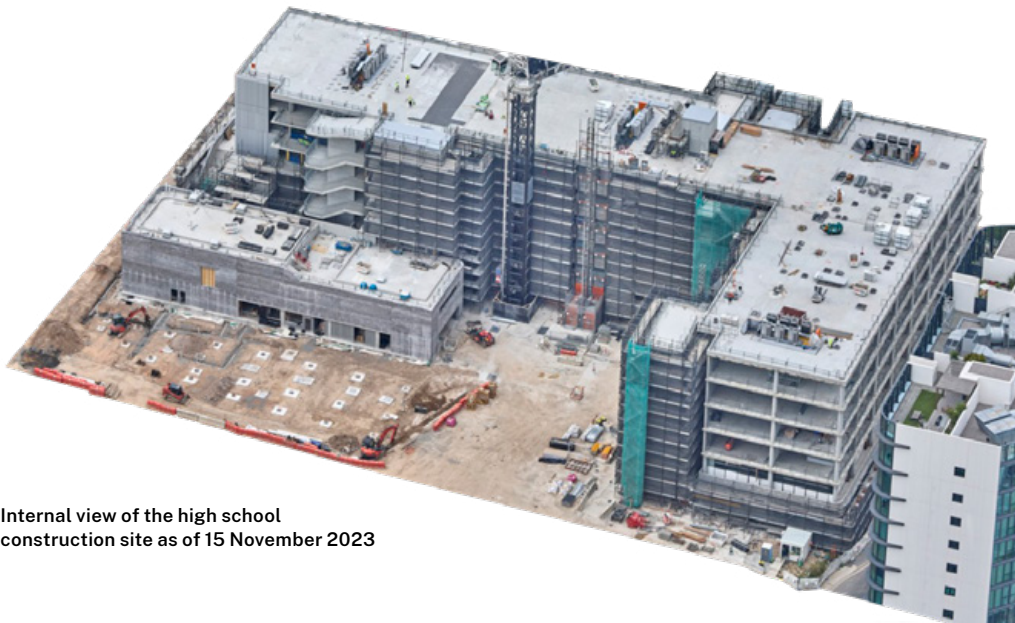
## Wentworth Point new high school

### Project overview

A new high school is being developed to cater for the growing population in the Wentworth Point, Sydney Olympic Park, Newington, Silverwater and Rhodes communities. The school will be located on 7 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point. The completed high school will have flexible classrooms and learning spaces for approximately 1,500 students, as well as a multipurpose hall for sports and performance, outdoor spaces including landscaped recreation areas, games courts and canteen facilities. In keeping with the December 2022 project update, the school is on track to open for Year 7 students in Term 1 2025.

### Progress update

- The building has now ‘topped out’ marking the completion of the concrete structure for the school
- The façade (outside face of the building) is in progress
- We have power! The site is now connected to power and generators have been removed
- Underground works in Burroway Road for key water and sewerage infrastructure is near complete
- Internal fit out and classroom walls are being installed
- A modification, primarily to increase the height of the lift shaft has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).



Internal view of the high school construction site as of 15 November 2023



**23,000  
Tonnes**

of Concrete were poured for the structure of the new high school.

### Next steps

- Internal fit out and establishment of IT and Security services
- As part of the State Significant Development (SSD) approval conditions of consent, some public domain improvements will be required to increase pedestrian safety in the local road network including the installation of new pedestrian crossings on Burroway Road and Footbridge Boulevard. Consultation on these improvements is occurring through City of Parramatta Council (Burroway Road) and the Marina Square Community (Wentworth Place).
- Once the City of Parramatta Council has approved the Transport for NSW modification to change the location of Ridge Road to allow for new playing fields; a State Significant Development (SSD) modification will be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for Phase 2 of the high school
- Final approval of the new school name from the Geographical Names Board.

## Wentworth Point new high school frequently asked questions

### When will enrolments open?

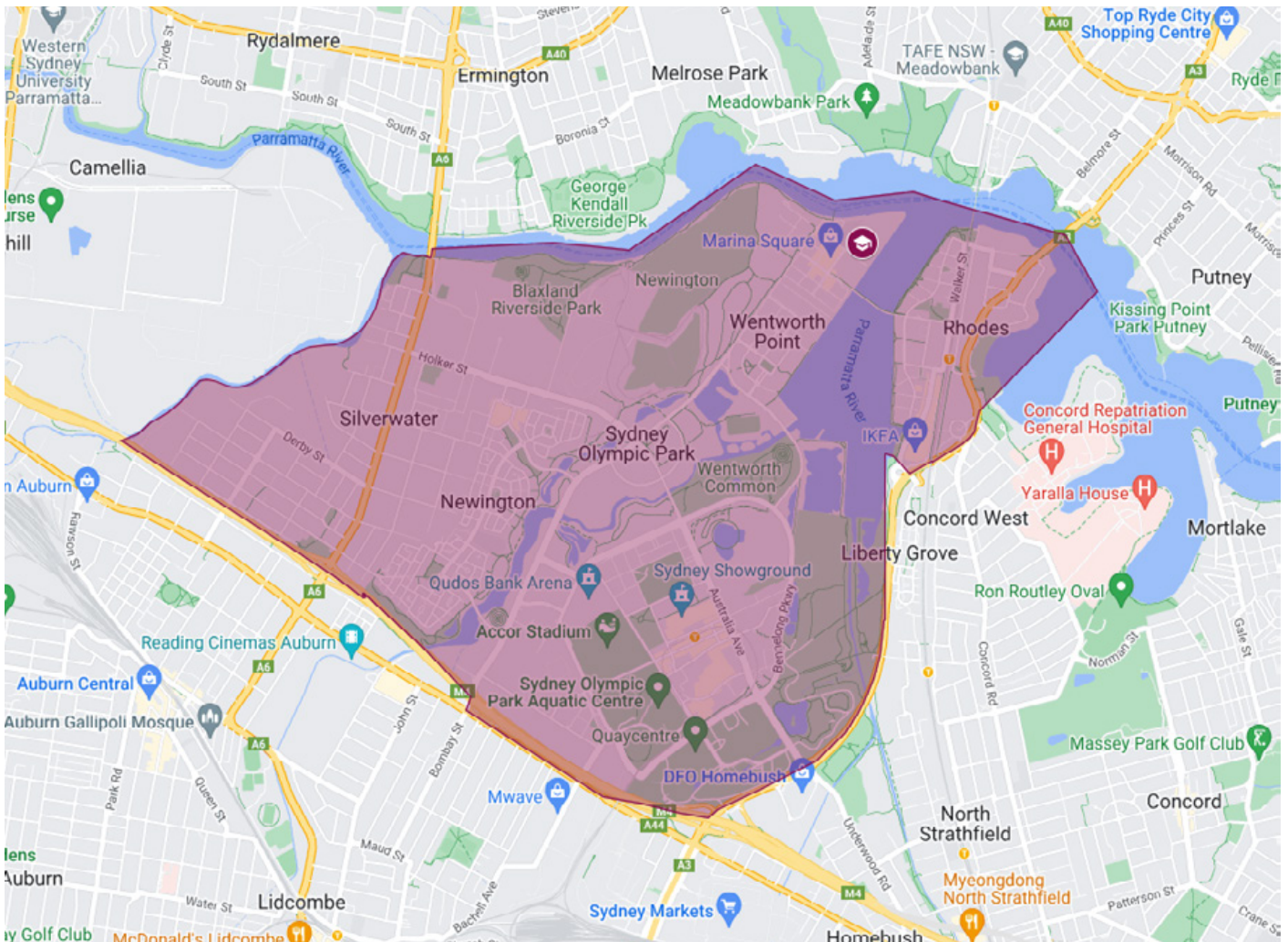
In keeping with the December 2022 project update, the school is on track to open for Year 7 students in Term 1 2025. Enrolments will open in early 2024 for this cohort. Parents will be able to enrol their students if they live within the new intake area for the school. The Year 6 to Year 7 transition expression of interest takes place during Year 6. More information about enrolment will be provided in early 2024.

### What will the intake area be?

The intake area for Year 7 2025 has now been finalised and is shown in the image below. The new intake area caters to the growing population in the Wentworth Point, Sydney Olympic Park, Newington, Silverwater and Rhodes communities.

In January 2024 this will be updated to school finder. To check what intake area you live in, you will be able to visit school finder <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/> and type in your address.

This intake area is based on up-to-date enrolment figures for the area, and suitable sustainable travel options and public transport routes. The intake area may change in future years as the demographic needs shift in the area.



## When will the Principal be named and teaching jobs be available?

The role of Principal of the new high school is expected to be advertised and filled in Term 1 2024. Following the appointment of the Principal, other key leadership positions will be advertised, and regular teaching positions will be advertised as per usual public school employment procedures.

## What year groups will the school open with and why?

In keeping with the December 2022 project update, the school is on track to open for Year 7 students in Term 1 2025. This means that in 2026 the school will cater for Year 7 and 8, and in 2027 it will cater for Year 7-9 and so on. The new high school will see its first Year 7-12 cohort in 2030. Students in older year groups will continue to be accommodated at other local schools.

This staggered enrolment process is normal for new high schools across the state. The process of growing a school allows adequate numbers of students and teaching staff to deliver a full curriculum based on the elective preferences of the students at the school. The gradual process allows the school to develop the culture, while establishing systems and processes in consultation with key stakeholders to reflect the school's growing identity.

## What if I have an older student at another school? Can my children stay at the same school?

If you have students in Year 8 and above at Concord High School or another school and you wish to keep your students at the same school, you will be able to apply for an out of area enrolment for your younger child to attend the same school.

## Will construction be complete for the school opening?

Construction of the State Significant Development approved works (the two main buildings, amenities block and landscaping) will be complete for the school opening in 2025.

We will provide an update on the timeline for other works as soon as possible.

## Staying informed

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share construction updates and project information as both projects progress. We will continue to keep the local community informed through project updates and works notifications, information booths and drop in sessions and website updates.

For more information, to see past resources, or to sign up to receive our updates via email, please visit our websites:

Wentworth Point Public School [edu.nsw.link/WPPS](https://www.edu.nsw.link/WPPS)

Wentworth Point new high school [edu.nsw.link/WPNHS](https://www.edu.nsw.link/WPNHS)

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