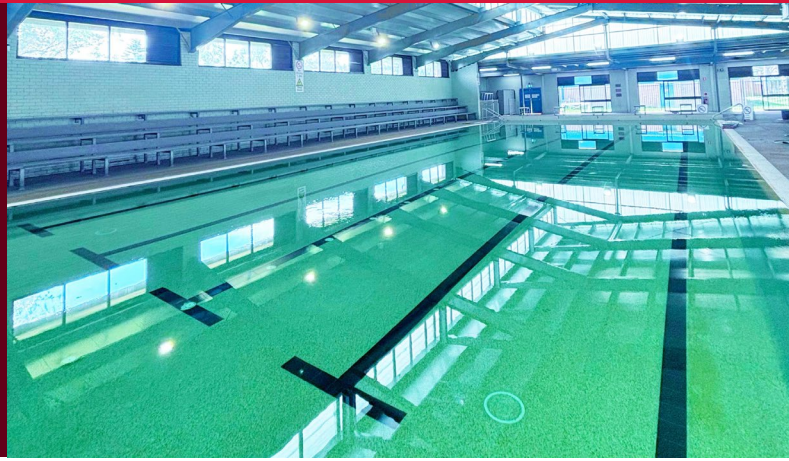


Peakhurst West Public School - swimming pool

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The next chapter for the Peakhurst West Public School swimming pool

The NSW Department of Education is reinvigorating the swimming pool facility located on the grounds of Peakhurst West Public School, including appointing new management to upgrade and run the facility. The previous provider held a licence to operate the swimming pool from 2018 to 2022.

By upgrading and appointing an experienced operator to manage the pool, we can ensure its long-term viability and expand its use to individuals and families as well as local community groups and swim associations.

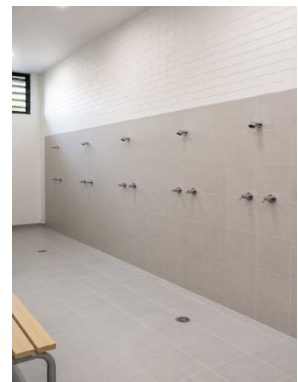
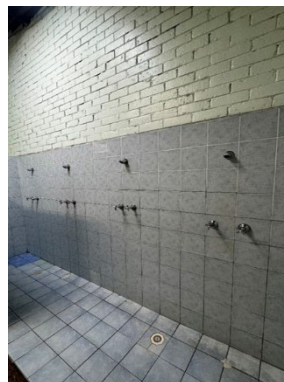
Progress update

As advised in our [April 2026 project update](#), Fit XP has been appointed to run the facility and undertake its upgrade. The pool temporarily closed on Monday 18 May 2026 to prepare for refurbishment works, which will be done in stages.

The first stage will start in June 2026 and will involve internal demolition of the concrete flooring, tiles, and existing fixtures and fittings to remodel the bathrooms, change rooms and pool surfaces. This stage is expected to take at least 12 weeks.



Changerooms: before and after (concept design)



Showers: before and after (concept design)



Machinery for these works will start to come on site shortly and will be coordinated to occur outside of school pick-up and drop-off times, with work hours from 7 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday.

The following measures will be in place to reduce the effects of construction activities on the school and local community:

- The construction area is isolated with fencing for school and community safety.
- All works are being conducted within the facility 20 metres from the nearest school building.
- Netting is being installed to further reduce the risk of noise or dust.
- Noisier works will be contained within the hours of 8 am and 2 pm.

We understand the temporary closure of the pool will cause inconvenience to groups currently using this facility and appreciate the community's patience while we make these improvements.

Stage 1 upgrades are expected to be finished in time for the pool to reopen in November 2026, ahead of the summer swimming season.



25 metre pool: before and after (concept image)

Questions and answers

We understand the community has lots of questions about this project and we're grateful for the time taken to provide feedback. Please see below answers to some commonly asked questions.

Why is the Peakhurst West Public School swimming pool being upgraded?

During an inspection of the swimming pool in November 2024, Georges River Council identified a number of operational and maintenance factors that required improvement. Since then, the NSW Government has invested \$1.5 million to upgrade the facility, including replacing the roof, installing a new accessible bathroom, conducting a thorough clean of the pools and facility, and restoring the pool pumps and plant equipment. Additional upgrades to the facility are required to ensure that the pool facility is able to remain open for schools, swim groups and the community to use for many years to come.

What new upgrades are planned?

Between June and November 2026, the following works will be managed and overseen by Fit XP as part of the licence arrangement:

- upgrading the bathrooms and change rooms
- reducing the depth of the 25-metre pool
- increasing the depth of the infants' pool
- new waterproofing and tiling in both pools

- replacing internal floor coverings
- installing solar panels and battery storage.

Further minor upgrades to equipment and the facilities will take place in early 2027 and are not expected to cause any disruption to pool users.

Why is a new operator needed to run the facility?

During the November 2024 inspection, Georges River Council also identified that a supervisor must be present onsite while the pool is in use. The NSW Department of Education's primary responsibility is to provide high-quality education to all students of NSW and does not have the resources to manage the day-to-day operations of this facility. By appointing a qualified operator to manage the pool, the department is able to fulfill its core purpose while the pool remains open and accessible for community users.

Does appointing a private operator mean the pool is now privatised?

No. Peakhurst West Public School and the swimming pool located on its grounds remain the property of the NSW Department of Education and any suggestion that the pool has been privatised is incorrect. The operations of the pool have been provided under contract since 2018. At the conclusion of the most recent contract, Fit XP successfully won a competitive Expression of Interest to operate and upgrade the pool and facility and entered into a licence agreement with the department. The department remains the landlord and there are no plans to privatise this facility.

When will the pool reopen?

The pool will remain closed while Fit XP undertakes the Stage 1 upgrade works. These works are expected to be finished and the pool reopened in November 2026. Once works are completed the pool will reopen to the existing community-based users and, for the first time, local residents. Outside of school, learn-to-swim and association use, community members will be able to swim recreationally, hire a lane for training and exercise, or book the facility for birthday parties, social gatherings and events.

Why is the pool depth changing and is it safe?

To date only half of the pool could be used for learn-to-swim programs because in-pool support could not be provided at the deep end. The department has researched Council-owned and community pools and checked Swimming Australia and World Aquatics requirements for pools with starting blocks. Reducing the depth at the deep end to a minimum of 1.4 meters is within guidelines and consistent with other local aquatic facilities, including Hurstville Aquatic Centre and Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre (Bexley).

Will the changing depth impact learn-to-swim programs?

Importantly, the updated depth will allow instructors to safely stand and supervise from the deep end, significantly increasing the pool's capacity for learn-to-swim programs and swimming lessons across the full length of the pool. This will allow more children, families and community members to participate in swimming and water safety programs.

Will dive-starts be allowed for competitions and training?

Competitive racing dives will still be permitted for swimmers who have demonstrated competency in deeper water or when supervised by an accredited coach or official, in line with Swimming Australia requirements. Dive starts can continue to be taught by certified trainers. No facilities,

irrespective of depth, allow the public to dive into a pool. Diving is only allowed under training or competition conditions with certified supervision.

Will the original users retain their long-term association with the pool?

The existing clubs, associations and swim schools are recognised for their long-term association with the pool, including the Peakhurst Amateur Swimming Club Inc, Penshurst RSL Youth Swim Club Inc, the St George Leagues Swim Club (Water Dragons) and the St George Masters. The department will ensure the not-for-profit community groups retain their access to the pool, honouring their connection to the facility into the future.

Will fees increase when the pool reopens in November?

The department and Fit XP will work together with the current swim groups to ensure a smooth transition. All entry fees to the pool will be transparent and equitable.

Will hire fees be affordable and why do they need to change?

Clubs, associations and commercial hirers currently pay different hourly rates to use the pool, with some not-for-profits paying more than commercial hirers. While fees need to be charged to cover the costs of running the pool, the department has researched Council-owned and community pools and can confirm the proposed hire fees will compare favourably with other pool facilities. The change to fees will be incremental for the existing not-for-profit groups for at least 12 months and no entry fee will be required for their members.

What other swimming facilities are available in the area?

Alternative swimming facilities located within the Georges River area are:

- Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, located at the corner of King Georges and Forest Roads, Hurstville. This centre offers a range of aquatic facilities and programs.
- Sans Souci Leisure Centre, situated at 521 Rocky Point Road, Sans Souci. This centre provides swimming pools and fitness amenities.

More information

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact the Community Infrastructure team at community.infrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you for your understanding and support while we deliver this important project for the St George community.



Concept image: Peakhurst West Public School pool open to students, groups and the public.