

Artist impression of the new primary school in Marsden Park on Northbourne Drive



Marsden Park new primary school

Project update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. 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.

New primary school

A project is underway to deliver a new primary school in Marsden Park to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 40 flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- core facilities, including administration and staff facilities.

The new school is designed to accommodate up to 1,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and will be located on Northbourne Drive, Marsden Park in the Elara Estate.

Accelerated assessment

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for this project is being fast tracked by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). Once the SSD application is approved, the project can look at starting the main works construction of the school.

Progress summary

The detailed design of the new primary school is underway. Site establishment works to prepare the site for construction started in February 2020. This included the installation of fencing with shade cloth, hoardings, and a site compound to house worker amenities and facilities. Surveys, in-ground investigations and bulk earthworks to prepare the site for construction are in progress.

Keeping you updated

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

We will keep the local school community and residents informed with project update newsletters, information sessions and website updates.

Frequently asked questions

Why has the planning approval for this project been fast tracked?

Three schools, including Marsden Park new primary school, are among the second wave of projects that will have their assessments fast tracked.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will make decisions on the State Significant Development (SSD) applications for the second tranche of projects by 18 June 2020. This will mean the projects can get underway sooner and the overall construction pipeline can continue to grow.

Does this mean the usual checks and community consultation will be waived to fast track the projects?

The assessment process is being accelerated, not changed. The usual planning rules and policies will apply, and all projects will be assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Will the community still get to have a say on projects that are being fast tracked?

All of the projects being fast tracked have completed the substantive planning work and are post the exhibition and community consultation phase. School Infrastructure NSW will continue to engage and inform the community throughout the project.

Due to the need to meet requirements under Public Health Orders, a range of digital engagement tools will be used to communicate with the community and stakeholders to seek any comment or feedback. This will include digital project updates, online sharing of information session material, the School Infrastructure NSW website, community information line and mailbox.

For more information

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