



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

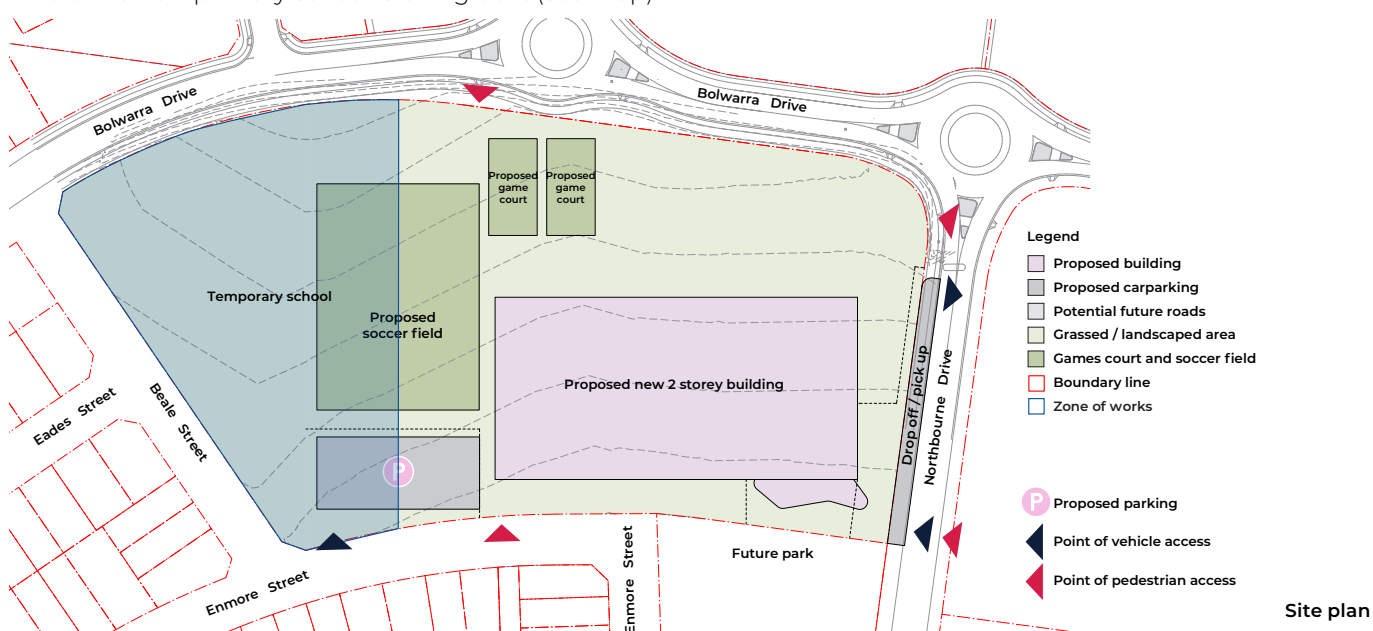
A project is underway to deliver a new primary school in Marsden Park to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 40 flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall, canteen and Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
- core facilities, including administration and staff facilities.

The new school, forecast to be completed in 2021, is designed to accommodate up to 1,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school is located on Northbourne Drive, Marsden Park in the Elara Estate.

Proposed establishment of a temporary school

Due to higher than anticipated enrolment growth in the area and the constraints of the existing Marsden Park Public School on Garfield Road West, we are proposing to construct a temporary school while the new Marsden Park primary school is being built. The establishment of a temporary school on the site forms part of the SSDA. The temporary/pop-up school will be located on Beale Street in the Elara estate. This is the western end of the site where the new primary school is being built (see map).



Marsden Park (Beale Street) temporary school

The temporary school, which will be ready in time for Day 1 Term 1, 2021, will be well-equipped to meet local enrolment needs, having:

- 17 teaching spaces
- a school hall
- Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
- a library
- play space within the school grounds
- canteen.

The temporary school will accommodate 500 students. More information about operational matters such as the appointment of a Principal, getting to and from the school and before and after school care will be shared as the project progresses.

Example of a temporary school

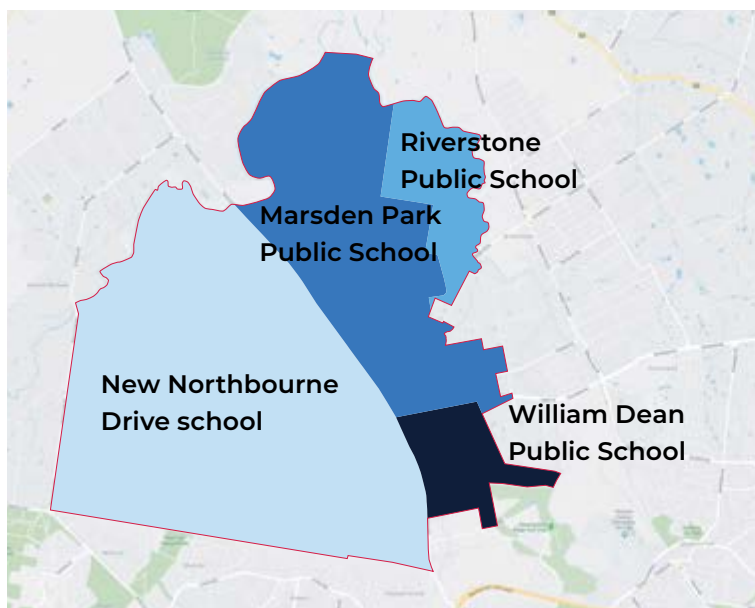


New catchment boundaries

New catchment boundaries for the Marsden Park area were put in place for the start of 2020. This included separating the Marsden Park Public School catchment (see map on right). For a closer look, visit School Finder at education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder

From Term 1, 2021, students living in the catchment for the new primary school at Northbourne Drive will enrol at the temporary school and then transition to the new permanent school, when it opens.

Marsden Park Public School on Garfield Road West will continue to accept enrolments for both catchments until the new permanent school is completed. It is the Department of Education's practice to review catchment boundaries as demographic information changes.



Frequently asked questions

Does this enrolment change apply to my family?

If you live in the catchment for the new primary school on Northbourne Drive, Marsden Park you will enrol your child at the new school from the start of Term 1, 2021. They will be housed in the temporary school to begin with and then transition into the new school when it opens.

What does this mean for current students of Marsden Park Public School?

Students living in the new catchment will be able to transition to the new school. However, some students who are already enrolled at Marsden Park Public School, such as Year 6 students, will be able to remain at the school and complete their primary school education.

Will my child move from Marsden Park Public School to Northbourne Drive once the new school opens?

Yes. In 2020 your child will have been enrolled in the correct catchment but may be attending Marsden Park Public School while the new school is built. From Term 1, 2021, if your child lives in the catchment for the new primary school, your child is part of the community and will move to the new school when it opens. There may be some students, such as those completing Year 6, who will be able to stay if they wish to complete their education.

Will siblings have to attend different schools?

In line with the Department's enrolment policy, siblings of local families impacted by boundary changes will be given priority to enrol at the same school.

What is the new catchment?

The new catchments are identified in the map above, and also available on the School Finder website education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder.

Keeping you updated

We will continue to keep you updated and provide more information about the construction timetable and new temporary school in the coming months. You can speak with us using the contact information below.

For queries about the new primary and temporary school for Marsden Park (Northbourne Drive)

Contact School Infrastructure via email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 482 651 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

For queries about enrolments and policies

Contact Marsden Park Public School via email marsdenpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 02 9627 1644.