

Bungendore High School Project update | 27 September 2024

Image caption: Example of a modern classroom being delivered in NSW



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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

Project overview

The new permanent Bungendore High School will be built on a site at Birchfield Drive, Bungendore, with the goal of opening in early 2027.

Bungendore High School has been operational in purpose built temporary facilities within Bungendore Public School since Day 1 Term 1 2023. From Day 1 Term 1 2025 the temporary facilities will be open to students from years 7 to 10.

Prior to Day 1 Term 1 2025 more facilities are planned to be incorporated into the existing temporary high school footprint and will include:

- the conversion of the existing hall into classrooms
- a new hall which is sized to accommodate the student population
- a new science lab and prep space
- new support classrooms
- a yarning circle
- agricultural facilities (chicken coop and green house)
- upgrade of the existing school playing field.

Progress update – permanent school site

Planning and design for the new school at Birchfield Drive is continuing as quickly as possible. Concept designs will be presented to the community in December 2024.



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The department will also work with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council regarding the future of the Majara Street site.

Further updates on the permanent school project will be provided in Term 4.

Next steps - temporary school site

Works on the new facilities at the temporary school will start in the upcoming spring school holidays. A map of the planned works and construction site can be found overleaf.

As with the previous works to build the temporary high school, short term portable learning spaces are exempt development under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

School Infrastructure has been working with the school leadership to coordinate the works and minimise disruption. The new demountable buildings, including the new hall, science lab and support classrooms, will be installed during Term 4. This is to allow adequate time to set up these spaces prior to Day 1 Term 1 2025.

The external works including the yarning circle, new agricultural facilities and upgrade of the existing school playing field, will take place during the summer school holidays.

Initial works will include installing construction site fencing and ground preparation work for the new demountable buildings. Hours of work will be 6:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday to Saturday.

A further notification will be issued in October regarding the installation of the new demountable buildings.

Power disruption – Thursday 10 October

On Thursday 10 October 2024, a 10-hour power shutdown will occur from 7 am to 5 pm while the school is transferred from generator power to permanent power. There will be no electrical supply to Bungendore High School and Bungendore Primary School during this time. There will also be electricity disruption to properties during this time. A notification will be sent to affected properties by the energy provider, Essential Energy, with further information. There will be no disruption to other utilities – gas, water and telephone services will continue to operate as normal.

More information

You can find more information about the project at <https://edu.nsw.link/BungendoreHS> or by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.



Map of Bungendore High School temporary site

