



# The Forest High School relocation

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## Investing in our schools

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.

## Project overview

The Forest High School is part of the re-zoning and planning framework for Frenchs Forest to create a new town centre for the community. The Forest High School will be relocated to a portion of 187 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights. This is located within the current intake area for The Forest High School. Student learning will continue at the current school site until the new facilities are built.

The Forest High School relocation project will include modern flexible classrooms for up to 1500 students; a new library, canteen and administration spaces; a multi-purpose sports and performance hall; new outdoor sports courts and landscaped recreation and outdoor learning spaces.

## Progress summary

Site establishment has started on the construction site, and main works construction will soon be ready to start.

The main works contractor ADCO are finalising detailed designs of the school in collaboration with key stakeholders from the Department of Education and The Forest High School.

The Department of Planning and Environment has approved the State Significant Development Application and awarded conditions of consent.

## Managing construction impacts: your feedback

Conditions of consent require School Infrastructure NSW and our contractor to prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP will include a number of sub-plans, including a

Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan (CNVMSP) that will outline how construction noise and vibration impacts to nearby local residents will be managed.

You can contribute to the development of management strategies within the sub-plans. Your feedback is sought by Friday 8 December 2023 on construction issues such as managing high noise generating activities and equipment, as well as vibration measures. You can provide your feedback by emailing [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or calling 1300 482 651.

Mitigation measure	Description
Community notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification of all residents (via project webpage) and the closest affected residential/commercial receivers surrounding the site (via letterbox drop) shall be undertaken prior to commencement of works. Notification should advise of anticipated date and duration of high impact works.</li> </ul>
Provide respite periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving and other similar activities should be addressed via respite periods, typically limiting operation to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 am – 12 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm, Monday to Friday</li> <li>9 am to 12 pm, Saturday.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Vibration activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No vibration monitoring for standard earthworks and construction works.</li> <li>Where vibration intensive activities are to be carried out within 20 metres of Arranounbai School, only vibratory rollers of up to 4 tonnes, and small or medium hydraulic hammers can be used.</li> <li>Vibratory compactors must not be used closer than 30 metres from residential buildings unless vibration monitoring confirms compliance with the vibration criteria specified in the consent conditions.</li> </ul>
Noise monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is to be noise monitoring along the northern boundary of the Arranounbai School during the construction works.</li> </ul>
Quiet work methods/ technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noisy activities (exceeding the Rating Background Level (RBL) by more than 5 dB(A)) should not be carried out after 1pm Saturdays.</li> <li>School Infrastructure NSW must implement, where practicable and without compromising the safety of construction staff or members of the public, the use of ‘quackers’ (a type of alarm) to ensure noise impacts on surrounding noise sensitive receivers are minimised.</li> <li>A Driver Code of Conduct must be prepared and communicated by School Infrastructure NSW to heavy vehicle drivers and must address methods to minimise road traffic noise.</li> <li>School Infrastructure NSW must ensure construction vehicles do not arrive at the site or surrounding residential precincts outside of the construction hours of work.</li> </ul>

You can view the consent conditions, including those required for managing construction impacts via the Department of Planning and Environment’s project webpage at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-forest-high-school>.

The CEMP and sub-plans will be available on School Infrastructure NSW’s project webpage before main works construction activities begin.

### Next steps

Main works construction is expected to begin in the near future. We will update the community with more information on the main works construction soon.



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