

Information sessions

The department has developed a concept master plan for the new school. You're invited to attend an information session to find out more about the master plan and provide feedback.

Thursday 28 April, 6pm – 8pm
Saturday 30 April, 9am – 12 noon
Ironside State School Hall
2 Hawken Drive, St Lucia

Drop-in sessions, bookings not essential.

Feedback gathered will be considered in the ongoing planning for the school.

Sessions will adhere to Queensland Government COVID-safe event guidelines to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all.

How to provide feedback

Feedback on the concept master plan can be provided face-to-face at the information sessions or online.

The department welcomes your feedback which will be considered in the planning and approval process for the new inner west state school. **The consultation period for the concept master plan is from Monday 18 April to Sunday 8 May 2022.**

Members of the community will have a further opportunity to review design development, and provide comment as part of the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process.

Have your say at qld.gov.au/newschoolinnerwest

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Site location — new inner west state school — aerial view



Project update – April 2022

New state school for Brisbane's inner west

Delivering new education facilities to support learning outcomes



Concept design for the new inner west state school — indicative only and subject to change

The Queensland Government is committed to building, maintaining, improving and renewing schools across Queensland.

As part of this investment, the Department of Education, in response to sustained population growth in the area, is planning a new state school for Brisbane's inner west to relieve enrolment pressures at the existing Indooroopilly, Ironside and Toowong State Schools.

The Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, announced in December 2021 the former Toowong Bowls Club as the preferred location for the new state school.

Thorough site investigations were undertaken that included traffic, flooding and environmental impacts, and two rounds of community consultation from which the department took feedback on board.

The recent extreme weather events make it timely to discuss the planning and concept design of the new inner west school to be located on the former Toowong Bowls Club site.

The former Toowong Bowls Club site lends itself to an innovative vertical school design that maximises available land. This will be the first vertical state primary school in Queensland and the department is committed to ensuring that the height of the school sits naturally in its surrounds.

The delivery of the school is a priority for the department, as is the preservation of wildlife in the surrounding area which will be considered in planning, design and construction. The staging of construction may need to be adjusted to accommodate all interests.

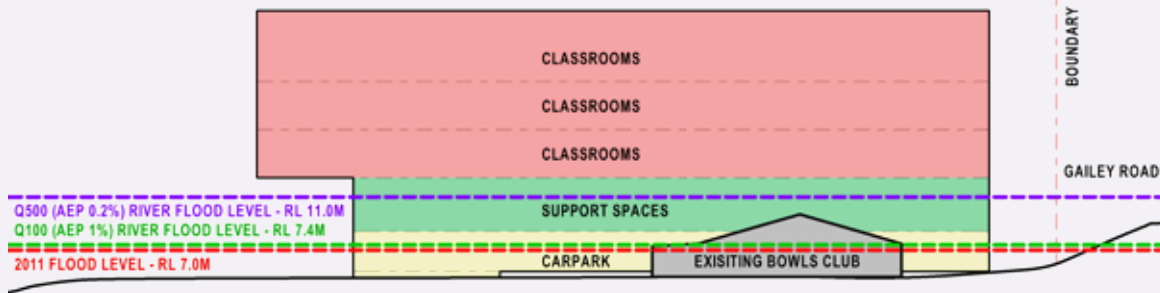
The new school, which is planned to open for Prep to Year 6 students for Term 1, 2024, will cater for 600 students with a future capacity of 900 students.

Project timeline



Fast facts — new inner west state school

Key topic area	Response
Site selection	<p>The department investigated many sites for the new inner west state school. This included the possible location of the new school on part of the Indooroopilly State High School (SHS) site. It also looked at more than 60 alternative sites that were suggested throughout the community consultation process in 2021.</p> <p>Following thorough due diligence investigations, and two rounds of consultation, the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, announced in December 2021 the former Toowong Bowls Club as the preferred location for the new state school.</p> <p>Investigations into the former Toowong Bowls Club site included analysis of traffic, flooding and environmental impacts.</p> <p>Community concerns regarding possible encroachment onto Perrin Park, the dog park and community garden, Jack Cook Park and the flying-fox colony are being addressed in site planning, construction, and school design.</p> <p>The school’s concept design contains the school buildings within the footprint of the former Toowong Bowls Club site. It will not encroach on the community garden or Perrin Park.</p>
Previous consultation	<p>The department has undertaken two rounds of community consultation between January and June 2021.</p> <p>Round one saw the community provide feedback on the site option of Indooroopilly SHS and suggested other alternative sites for consideration. Round two consultation sought feedback on the possible location of the new school at Indooroopilly SHS or the former Toowong Bowls Club. This included identifying concerns and if each site met the department’s selection criteria.</p>
Need for a new school	<p>The department has a statutory responsibility to provide educational facilities to ensure all families who wish to, can enrol their children in the local in-catchment state school. Sustained population growth in the inner west has driven the need for a new state school to service this demand.</p>
Vertical school	<p>The inner-city area has limited availability of large tracts of land that would support a traditional horizontal school model. Vertical school designs take advantage of limited space.</p> <p>The department is committed to ensuring that the size of the school sits naturally in its surrounds. The proposed building is five levels including the lower ground level that contains the undercroft and parking.</p>
Responsive concept design	<p>The concept design that has been developed for the former Toowong Bowls Club site responds to the context of the site and includes consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a vertical design to maximise available land• provision of emergency access and exit points to mitigate impacts of riverine and overland flooding• internal parent drop-off/pick-up facilities, signalised intersection at Gailey Road and Heroes Avenue, and recessed bus bays on Gailey Road are being investigated to mitigate impacts on the local traffic network• a modified construction program and methodology to address potential impacts on the Perrin Park flying-fox colony• physical separation, roofing and shade structures, together with student and staff education to support safe, ongoing operations adjacent to the flying-fox colony• green space on the ground level, with additional open play areas incorporated into the vertical spaces of the school building.
Traffic impacts and accessibility	<p>To support the delivery of the new school and minimise traffic impacts the concept design considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heroes Avenue/Gailey Road intersection widened and signalised• dedicated drop off/pick up area for parents and carers• recessed bus bays on Gailey Road. <p>A Pedestrian Movement Study is underway to review active travel requirements.</p>

Community facility	<p>The department recognises the valuable role that schools and school infrastructure play in the life of local communities. The concept design for the new school provides space for a community facility managed by the school, that may be accessed and securely used separate to the main school campus.</p>
Perrin Park flying-fox colony	<p>The department acknowledges the important ecological value and status of the flying-fox colony that roosts in Perrin Park. The colony will not be moved.</p> <p>Qualified ecologists and relevant areas across local, state and federal government are being consulted to ensure the ongoing health and viability of the colony.</p> <p>Building and site design will consider the proximity to the flying-fox colony.</p> <p>A responsive construction program will be in place to address the needs of the colony with consideration for the breeding cycle.</p>
Flood mitigation	<p>The concept master plan for the new vertical school takes into account flood levels and positions all learning, administration and indoor areas 1.6 metres or more above the Q100 flood mitigation level. This means proposed learning, administration and indoor areas will be at least 2 metres above the official 2011 level, which reached 7.0 metres.</p> <p>A flood expert has conducted a school flood risk assessment and developed a flood risk management plan. When appointed, the Foundation Principal will implement the plan which will include school evacuation plans to ensure the safety of students, their families, and staff.</p> <p>The concept design responds to the impacts of local creek flooding on the site and includes provision of flood free access to Gailey Road in a local creek flooding event.</p> <div></div> <p>Diagram showing flood levels in relation to the proposed design for the new inner west state school</p>
Catchment and enrolment	<p>The catchment map for the new inner west state school will be made available in Term 4, 2022 in advance of enrolments opening. When available, the new catchment can be found at www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/.</p> <p>Following the appointment of the Foundation Principal, the new administration team will manage expressions of interest and enrolment applications. Parents and caregivers interested in enrolling children will be able to contact the new school through the school’s website or Facebook group once established.</p>

