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Project Update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

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.

Project overview

Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School relocated to their new home at the Meadowbank Education Precinct earlier this year. Side by side, the schools will form a connected education community, supporting students within the one precinct throughout their school years and beyond. The new school facilities cater for 1000 primary school students, 1500 secondary school students and a further 120 Intensive English Centre students.

Updates to the Kiss and Drop zone

In response to feedback from technical stakeholders and the school community, City of Ryde Council has relocated the Kiss and Drop zone on Rhodes Street. The Kiss and Drop zone is now located adjacent to the school entrance on Rhodes Street as shown overleaf. The Kiss and Drop zone is for parents and guardians who drive their child/children to Marsden High School and Meadowbank Public School during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Please use the full length of the Kiss and Drop zone to avoid congestion.

City of Ryde Council has also installed unbroken double white lines on Rhodes Street. U-turns and three-point turns are not permitted at any time along Rhodes Street in front of the school.

Further information on suggested safe and accessible options for travelling to and from school is provided in the Travel Access Guides for each school.

<https://meadowbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html>

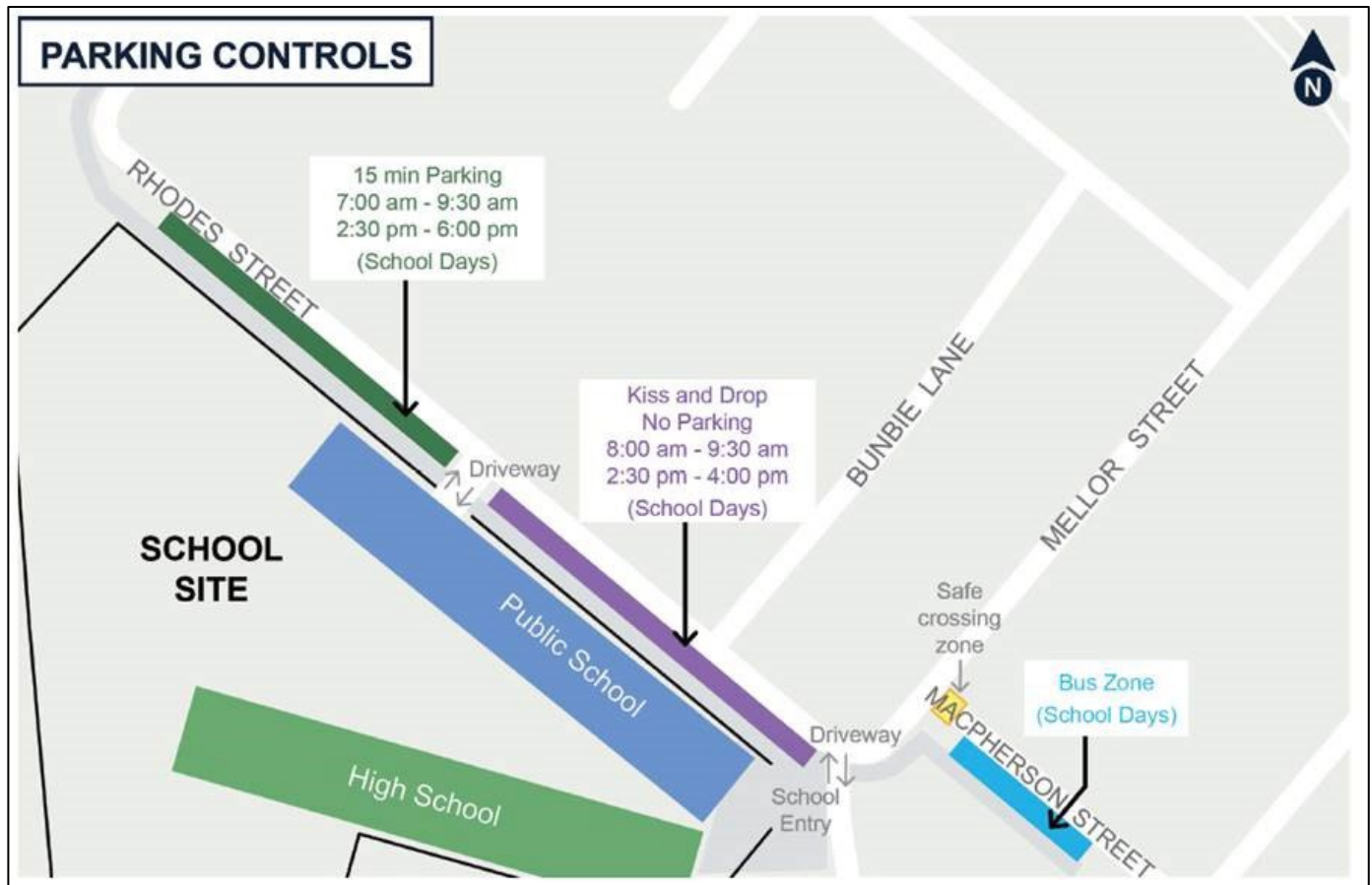
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Update on Public Domain Works

Pedestrian Crossing and lighting

The Public Domain improvement works are being delivered to help teachers, students, and visitors safely access the new school buildings, as well as improve local amenity. The safety of students, school staff and the local community is the highest priority.

As part of the Public Domain Works, an additional pedestrian crossing is to be installed to assist with safe passage for students, teachers and local community to access the schools. The location for this crossing is on Mellor Street, as identified in consultation with the school community, City of Ryde Council and Transport for NSW. The concept design for this crossing is currently being developed in consultation with Council.

The project is seeking to install lighting at the proposed crossing on Mellor Street, and additional lighting at the existing See Street crossing. These works are being progressed in collaboration with City of Ryde Council and Ausgrid. The community will be kept informed as we progress towards installation of the Mellor Street pedestrian crossing, and the Mellor Street and See Street lighting, once approval is received.

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Hermitage Road Footpath

Following the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) determination, planning is underway to build a footpath along the western side of Hermitage Road between the Sydney Water entrance and Rhodes Street. After inground services investigations and geotechnical works were completed earlier in the year, the project team is continuing to liaise with the relevant authorities (including Ausgrid, Sydney Water and Telstra) in relation to their assets and the design for the new footpath. To ensure adequate provision of time for construction of the footpath, DPE has approved an extension for works to be completed by August 2023.

Traffic controllers will continue to be engaged to support safe access for students to the new schools and traffic movement in the area.

Repurposing the former school sites

Work is underway on the detailed design for the multi-sports community facility at the site of the former Marsden High School. The project will deliver a new 5,000sqm indoor courts facility with 4 multipurpose courts, 32 outdoor netball courts, landscaping and communal outdoor areas, and car and bicycle parking. The design was developed following close consultation with City of Ryde Council, Department of Education and technical stakeholders. Work on the former Marsden High School site has already begun, and demolition works are progressing well. For more information please visit the project webpage edu.nsw.link/WestRydeMSF.

The former site of Meadowbank Public School at Thistle Street, Ryde is also being repurposed. Planning is underway to develop the site into new public open space, which will provide local residents and visitors with more access to quality green recreational outdoor areas. More information about this project can be found on the project webpage edu.nsw.link/MPSOpenSpace.

Thank you

We thank the school community and local residents and businesses for their patience while we delivered this important school infrastructure and continue with Public Domain Works.

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