

State Schools of Tomorrow

Tomorrow's Schools – providing for a smarter future

Fact Sheet

Brisbane Bayside Project

21st Century Education and Learning School Facilities for Brisbane Bayside

The Queensland Government's \$850 million *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative is driving the modernisation and redevelopment of state schools to transform them into 21st century teaching and learning environments.

Through this exciting community-driven State Government program, the Brisbane Bayside area will receive the biggest boost to education in its history.

Schools in the area are to be provided with 21st century education and learning facilities through a \$150 million *State Schools of Tomorrow* project.

During 2009 Manly, Manly West, Tingalpa, Wondall Heights and Wynnum West State Schools, the Darling Point Special School and Wynnum State High School will be renewed, providing them with high quality facilities to better meet 21st century learning needs – including more spacious and more flexible classrooms, modern communications technology, and practical learning areas.

A new state high school will be constructed on a new site to the latest educational standards to enhance student learning and is set to open for 2010. General and specialist classrooms will be large, fully equipped with the most modern equipment and have information technology embedded. This school will accommodate students from Wynnum North State High School allowing the present site to undergo major redevelopment to accommodate a new primary school which will open for the start of 2011.

The new primary school will provide modern education facilities for students from Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools, which will all close at the end of 2010. It will also house the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre.

The school renewals have been designed to allow the schools to become genuine community resources, with the renewed schools able to support new adult learning opportunities outside of school hours or as venues for school and community programs and events.

Considering the large and complex nature of this project with the new school, amalgamations and closures, the Government has decided that Hemmant and Lota state schools will not be part of the *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative. They will remain open pending enrolment numbers and will continue to receive the same enrolment-based allocation of staff as well as maintenance funds. If Hemmant enrolments drop to 70 it will close as will Lota if enrolments drop to 166.

Why are some schools amalgamating?

Lindum, Wynnum North and Wynnum Central state schools are located on small sites — about half the typical size of a new primary school. Lindum and Wynnum Central have low enrolment numbers which are not projected to increase to a significant degree. Wynnum North State School experiences overcrowding issues because of the site size and continued strong enrolments.

When will the schools close?

During 2010, following the construction of the new high school and relocation of students from Wynnum North State High to the new school, the present site will undergo major redevelopment into a primary school.

This will open for the start of 2011 as a new school formed from the amalgamation of Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools which will close at the end of 2010.

What key factors determined school sustainability and closures?

Factors taken into account in deciding whether schools would close include:

- The size of the school's enrolment as this can limit the diversity of curriculum and opportunities for students;
- The school's enrolments are low or have declined and there is only limited growth expected in the future;
- There are other, more sustainable state schools nearby;
- The site is small, limiting the range of activities that can be provided for students; and importantly;
- The Community Reference Group, established as the central consultation group identified the school as one of the least sustainable in the cluster.

What will happen to the funds from the sale of the schools?

Anticipated returns from the sale of Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools sites have been included in the project budget.

Will there be any job loss as a result of this initiative?

No. Officers of the department will work with all affected school staff and unions to ensure an open and transparent transition process is developed and implemented resulting in all staff being placed in jobs.

Will unions be consulted about this initiative and the transition process?

Yes. Officers of the department have already held numerous discussions with the QTU; LHMU; & QPSU regarding this initiative. Assurances have been given to unions that further consultation will occur during the development of the transition process for school staff, and will continue during all phases of implementation.

What if I'm not a union member? Will I be consulted?

Yes. All affected school staff will be consulted during the development of the transition process and throughout the implementation of this initiative.

What if I'm not happy with the outcome?

Officers of the department will be available to discuss your concerns and work with you to achieve a resolution suitable to both you and the department.

When will the renewal of schools in the Brisbane Bayside area take place?

The new high school and the schools renewed at their current sites are planned to have works completed for full occupancy for the start of the 2010 school year.

The amalgamated primary school will open a year later for 2011 allowing time for the redevelopment of the site into a primary school.

What role will schools now have in planning the renewal?

Planning for the renewal of the schools will involve the development of a master plan and site-specific detailed plans. This will require considerable consultation at each school site involving school representatives, a parents and citizens' association representative, Education Queensland staff and contractors.

How will the construction work affect my child's learning?

Student learning will continue to be the key priority for schools. While construction work will inevitably cause inconvenience at times, Education Queensland staff are very experienced at handling the construction issues alongside school operations. Detailed planning will be undertaken at each site to stage construction work and provide suitable accommodation for students and staff at all stages of the construction to reduce its impact.

Parents and carers will receive regular updates from their school to keep them well informed.

What will the school renewal mean for the individual schools?

Schools being renewed will gain high-quality facilities to better meet 21st Century learning needs. These will include upgraded infrastructure, improved administration and student service areas, more spacious and more flexible classrooms and modern information and communications technology.

Other provisions will include:

Manly, Manly West, Tingalpa, Wondall Heights and Wynnum West state schools

- Improved practical learning areas
- Improved undercover play and assembly areas which will have provisions for student performances

New Primary School - amalgamated Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools

- More spacious grounds
- Improved practical learning areas
- Improved undercover play and assembly areas

- Large multi-purpose hall

Wynnum State High School

- Refurbished Library
- Major upgrade of science facilities
- Major refurbishment of Student Centre including a gymnasium
- Refurbishment of hall and upgrade of performing arts and music facilities
- Upgraded vocational facilities including Industrial Technology and Design and Home Economics to enhance vocational opportunities for students
- New student amenities

New State High School

- New spacious and flexible classrooms and modern well appointed learning facilities with the latest technology
- New administration, student services and teacher areas
- New specialist teaching facilities
- Performing Arts Centre
- Student Centre
- Sports oval and landscaped grounds

Darling Point Special School

- Improved teaching facilities
- Upgraded disabled access provisions

Will the renewed facilities be available for community use?

An important feature of the renewal program is that renewed schools will be able to support new adult learning opportunities outside of school hours and/or become venues for school and community programs and events or co-located services.

What will happen where community organisations currently use school facilities at Lindum, Wynnum Central or Wynnum North state schools?

The existing community-use agreement for Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools should be able to be continued up to the anticipated closing date. It may be possible for those community groups to negotiate alternative arrangements with one of the nearby schools identified for renewal.

What school will my child attend once Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools close?

The new amalgamated primary school to be developed on the large Wynnum North State High School site will be designed with capacity for students from Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools. This will open for the 2011 school year.

Please contact your principal if you have any concerns.

What sort of support is there for parents?

- **School uniforms**
Financial assistance of \$285 will be available to parents of students who have to change primary schools to buy uniforms for their new school.
- **Transport**

Students' who live more than 3.2 km from the nearest state primary school or 4.8 km from the nearest state high school, may be eligible for financial support through the Department of Transport's School Transport Assistance Scheme.

Further information on financial assistance can be obtained from - http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Assistance_and_services/Grants_and_subsidies/School_transport_assistance_scheme_stas/

How will the history of Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools be preserved?

The history of each school is very important. The Department encourages schools to document their history. This material could be part of a commemorative publication or be included on the website of the main schools to which Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North students move. Financial assistance may be available to the school to help with this process. Significant memorabilia will also be relocated to receiver schools or other appropriate locations.

Will Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state school facilities continue to be maintained prior to closure?

Education Queensland will continue to fund the appropriate maintenance of Lindum, Wynnum Central and Wynnum North state schools to ensure the safety and welfare of students, staff and visitors.

How will my child benefit from going to a different school?

State Schools of Tomorrow sets a new benchmark in innovative school design and planning. It focuses on modernising schools and equipping them with exceptional facilities, resources and technologies that support a broad range of new or increased educational opportunities which may not have been available at your child's old school.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Examples of possible high-quality *State Schools of Tomorrow* renewal initiatives

State Schools of Tomorrow aims to bring older schools up to new school standards. This initiative will create classrooms that reflect the latest thinking in curriculum delivery, exceptional Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), and a variety of multi-purpose facilities that may be shared with local communities.

Performing/visual arts centre



North Lakes State College



Multi-purpose auditorium



Upper Coomera State College



Calamvale Community College

Multi-media and technology hub - ICT resources & infrastructure



North Lakes State College



Humpybong State School

Creation/upgrade of outdoor spaces



Brisbane State High School



Architectural image: State Schools of Tomorrow

Enlarged classrooms and specialised learning areas



North Lakes State College



Bentley Park College

New or refurbished school entrance & administration facilities



Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology



Varsity College

Joint school-community use facilities – library- and upgraded meeting rooms



North Lakes State College



North Lakes State College