

**Submission  
No 125**

**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF SCHOOL  
INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I am a parent at Gledswood Hills Public School and founder of Community Support for Gregory Hills Public School. The group was started after Kinder Orientation in late 2020. I was in a group with a few other parents who had moved their children across from Oran Park Public School. When we found out the numbers for Kinder 2021 enrolments we were shocked - what was the point of disrupting our childrens friendships and stability and moving schools just to be stuck in the same mess?

We reached out to our local MP Peter Sidgreaves for an update on the school and were referred to School Infrastructure. We were given the generic answer of the school is in the early planning stages.

We then started reaching out to anyone who would listen to try and find answers, and eventually found out that Gregory Hills Public School was meant to be opened in 2023 Not Negotiable (Doc 001) but was then pushed back to 2027 stage 1 (Doc 002 & 003) and stage 2 in 2030 (Doc 004).

We had emailed Peter Sidgreaves and repeatedly asked him for details for months. We emailed Sarah Mitchell and Gladys Berejiklian as well to try and get some answers when our local MP was not helpful with information but we did not hear back. Any response we got was generic and referred us back to School Infrastructure.

When the 2027 date made the news they all literally came out to the site the next day to announce the Gregory Hills would finally make the budget.

We asked to speak with Gladys Berejiklian and Sarah Mitchell after their news conference to ask our questions and share our concerns. We were told that Sarah would meet with us. However in the few minutes she gave us, she spat out the same spiel as the generic email responses and did not listen to our valid questions. Questions such as

- What is the opening date for Gregory Hills Public School?
- What is the plan for Gledswood Hills Public School in 2022 with an anticipated 200+ more kinder students already enrolled. Further to that being the fastest growing LGA in Australia for the second year in a row we see growth in all grades constantly throughout the year

Now its 2022 - our school is stretched beyond capacity and about to become a construction site so they can start Stage 2. Meanwhile, Burrumurra which is almost the exact same distance from Gregory Hills as Gledswood Hills has capacity for 1000 and when I last checked earlier this year they weren't even at 50% capacity.

With even the slightest bit of foresight, Gregory Hills residents should have been zoned to Burrumurra while Gledswood Hills builds stage 2 and Gregory Hills gets built.

Because of the huge amount of children at Gledswood Hills the school bus can't even fit them all. The bus now goes straight to Gregory Hills meaning children in Gledswood Hills need to get onto a public bus.

And these are just the issues we are facing now. We can't even get someone to look ahead 3 years and talk about where all of these kids will go to High School. We need a high school for Gledswood Hills and Gregory Hills before all of these kids finish primary school. Its all good

and well to shove 1000+ kids into a tiny school when they are under 10 - but whats the plan when they are teenagers and need diverse learning spaces?

# PROJECT SCOPING & BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## Gregory Hills Public School

Trim Reference No: DOC18/1311899

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Strategic Planning Region/Team	South
School Community Group Name	Narellan Primary
School Name or Area (if new school)	Gregory Hills Primary School
Project Type	New School If upgrade please specify:
School Code (if known)	N/A – new school
Proposed Funding Year	2019/2020
Project Planning Budget	<p>Estimated Total Cost for planning and delivery</p> <p>Planning: \$0</p> <p>Announced works \$35.9 million (SPA tool estimate)</p> <p>Total Total \$35.9 million</p> <p>Capped: (cross if required) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reason: <b>Insert reason for capping of funds</b></p>
Announced Completion Date	<p>Completion Date: Term 1, Day 1, 2023</p> <p>Negotiable <input type="checkbox"/> Not Negotiable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
AMU Works – Estimated Total Cost	
Project Number	

### Project Sponsor Approval (after all other approvals)

Joe Lantz Executive Director Strategic Planning	Signature	Date
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- Achieve the best value for money to support the achievement of education outcomes.

In assessing the planning of a new school at Gregory Hills it was determined that an intervention at the nearby Gledswood Hills project (Stage 2 of the Masterplan) provides the best alignment of teaching space demand in the near term. This will be managed as one project and it is to be assumed that the processes described in this Procurement Strategy are applicable to both projects unless specifically noted.

The agreed scope and delivery milestones for the project can be seen below:

Location	Final Business Case (Current projections)		Comments
	Opening Year	Scope	
Gledswood Hills PS- Stage 2	2024	19LS	This was approved as part of the SSDA for Stage 1, a modification will be needed as Stage 2 Building will be relocated to better suit operations.
Gregory Hills – Stage 1	2027	26 PLS + 4 Support	This will be delivered by a SSDA. It is intended this will be a Core 35 school, all Core 35 facilities will be delivered in Stage 1.
Gregory Hills – Stage 2	2030	18 PLS	This will be the balance of the Learning spaces only in stage 2.



1. Project Registration Information	
Name	Gregory Hills Public School (New School) and Gledswood Hills Public School (Stage 2)
Description	<p>Oran Park Primary SCG lies within the Camden Council LGA, approximately 50 km South West of the Sydney CBD. The SCG contains several different growth precincts which are expected to rapidly increase public school demand. By 2036, this growth is projected require more than 1,600 additional student places (72 learning spaces) than is provided.</p> <p>An election commitment was made for the planning of a new Public School in Gregory Hills to address this long term demand growth.</p> <p>Gledswood Hills Public School (PS) is one of 3 committed schools in the SCG and has demand projected for 1,858 students solely within its own SCG by 2036. The school has been planned in two stages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 (opened Q1 2020) delivered Core 35 facilities and 25 Permanent Teaching Spaces (PTS).</li> <li>• Stage 2 (19 additional PTS) has an existing Development Approval.</li> </ul> <p>There is an urgent service need (driven by population driven demand and fit for purpose learning) to intervene in the Oran Park Primary School Community Group (SCG).</p>
2. Strategic Alignment	
Problem/Service Need	<p>The Oran Park Primary SCG is within a greenfield area with high population growth in the near future. Committed public school capacity will be exceeded within a few years of completion. The Oran Park SCG is expected to see a significant shortfall of learning spaces by 2036.</p> <p>There is a limited supply and distribution of support spaces in the Oran Park Primary SCG, implying that students with additional needs must travel to schools outside of their local area. A better distribution of fit for purpose support spaces is needed across the informal SCG to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equitably provide access to the curriculum for students with additional needs, and</li> <li>• to reduce travel time for their parents during drop off and pick up.</li> </ul>
Objectives/Outcomes	<p>Gledswood Hills PS Stage 2, upgrading the school to the Departmental recommended public school capacity (1,012 students), by Quarter 1 2024;</p> <p>Development of a new Core 35 Gregory Hills PS to 44 PTS and 4 support classes from 2027, staged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregory Hills PS Stage 1 (2027) – Core 35 facilities, 26 PTS, 4 STS</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregory Hills PS Stage 2 (2030) – 18 additional PTS</li> </ul>
Alignment to Govt. Strategy & Policy	<p>This project is in alignment with the following government strategy and policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premier's Priorities (2019)</li> <li>• DoE Strategic Plan (2018-2022)</li> <li>• SASP (2017)</li> <li>• State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038</li> <li>• NSW Department of Education Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020</li> </ul>
Priority	State budget allocation for Planning.
Priority Other	NA
<b>3. Project Governance</b>	
Project Governance	<p>SINSW delivers the capital works program for the Department of Education (DoE) NSW. SINSW is accredited to deliver capital planning and delivery by the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.</p> <p>The SINSW Project Governance Framework applies to all proposed investment projects including those in pre-planning and all projects as they progress through the planning and delivery phases. The Framework applies to all projects irrespective of size (minor and major projects, those over the value of \$75M), with all projects ultimately governed by the Executive Steering Committee. Objectives of the Project Governance Framework includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of a transparent authority framework to manage pre-planning, planning and project delivery.</li> <li>• Provision of a clear structure for decision making and endorsement of key project documents and strategies.</li> <li>• Provision of a clear structure of decision making and endorsement of Project program, budget and scope of works.</li> <li>• Provision of a coordinated interface between planning, delivery and operational teams.</li> <li>• Establishment of effective lines of communication between groups and teams.</li> </ul> <p>Each project has specific governance arrangements developed to reflect the project scope, budget and operational requirements prior to project establishment</p>
Lead Sponsor Agency and Cluster	Department of Education NSW