

Kennedy Bay possible future school site: Frequently Asked Questions

In the original masterplan for Port Kennedy (now Kennedy Bay), a school was not part of the plan. What has changed?

The State Government regularly reviews and updates forward planning to reflect changing circumstances and community needs. In 2020, the Department of Education reviewed the situation and updated its projections for the area. The proposed development of between 1000 to 1200 lots in the Kennedy Bay Structure Plan area will, over time, increase student enrolments for Port Kennedy and Endeavour primary schools and warrant the need for an additional primary school.

Why this location?

Three possible sites within the Kennedy Bay area were investigated by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (see primary school site options plan). Option C has been proposed as the preferred site as it is the most central to any future likely catchment area and is adjacent to the existing local road network.

When would a school likely be needed?

Based on current projections, it is anticipated that an additional primary school will be required in this locality by 2050. It should be noted that this projection, while based on the best information to hand, can be influenced by a number of factors, so the timeframe provided is indicative only.

The Department of Education will annually monitor student enrolments at the nearby existing public schools, and residential growth in the locality, to ensure planning is based on the most accurate information available.

The site is zoned for Parks and Recreation in the Metropolitan Region Scheme, how can a school be located here?

A rezoning process would need to occur before any development of the site by the Department of Education.

How much extra traffic would this mean and how would it be managed?

A preliminary traffic assessment has found that the inclusion of a primary school in the Kennedy Bay area is not expected to have a significant traffic impact. Most students attending the school would live within the catchment area – within cycling or walking distance. Upgrades to cycleways and footpaths will increase the appeal of these options.