

FINDING A SOLUTION

Brisbane's new inner west primary school

The Department of Education is building a new primary school to cater for the growing population and ensure local children can continue to access quality schooling services.

A GROWING POPULATION

The population of children aged 0 – 10 in Brisbane's inner west has grown significantly over the last decade. Indooroopilly, St Lucia and Taringa have all experienced sustained population growth.



PRESSURE POINT SCHOOLS

Analysis of the schools in the local network found that Indooroopilly State School and Ironside State School need capacity relief in the short term. These two schools have enrolled an additional 650 students over the past five years.



ENROLMENT RELIEF OPTIONS

To relieve pressure at Indooroopilly and Ironside state schools the department explored several options.

- Adjust school catchments
- Expand Ironside and Indooroopilly state schools
- Build a new state primary school on the ground of Indooroopilly SHS
- Acquire new land to build a new state primary school in the area
- Relocate years 5 and 6 from Ironside and Indooroopilly state schools to Indooroopilly SHS



Based on this investigation the co-location of the new school on the grounds of Indooroopilly State High School was identified as the preferred option.



NEXT STEPS

The department sought feedback on the proposed location of Indooroopilly SHS through public consultation in January and February 2021. Through the consultation, the community was invited to share their thoughts on the proposed site and offer alternative suggestions for a new school location.

Of the alternative locations nominated, the former Toowong Bowls Club and surrounding Perrin Park has been identified as a viable alternative and will form the basis of the second round of consultation.

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