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Minister for Western Sydney

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**Media Release****Plans approved to deliver much-needed open space for the Wentworth Point community**

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Delivering on yet another election commitment, work to create a new park for the Wentworth Point community will commence in the coming months, after planning approval was granted for the modification to Peninsula Park.

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Prue Car, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully and the Member for Parramatta Donna Davis announced that approval to modify the existing development application had been granted, enabling major works to start on 4 hectares of open space.

This new open space will comprise of Peninsula Park and open shared space between the school and the community, subject to additional Council approvals.

This announcement ends more than a decade of uncertainty and delays for the community.

Pending approval, work on the park and the shared open space for the school will begin in September 2024 with the park expected to open to residents in mid-2026.

Deputy Premier Car and Ms Davis also announced today that an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Year 8 enrolments for the future Wentworth Point High School will now open. Year 7 enrolments are open to begin next year. The school is on track to open on Day 1, Term 1 2025.

Approval of the modification will also allow the Department of Education to lodge plans for Stage 2 of the future Wentworth Point High School, which will eventually support 1,500 students.

These plans complement the significant progress made on Stage 1 of the new Wentworth Point High School - with construction nearly complete on delivering 78 classrooms, outdoor spaces with landscaped recreation areas, canteen facilities and performing arts spaces.

The process to formally name the new school is also now complete, with the Geographical Names Board officially signing off on Wentworth Point High School in line with community feedback.

Recruitment of the school's new principal has also been finalised, with Melissa Johnston appointed to the role.

To incorporate the new high school and shared open space, and provide for much-needed housing, the NSW Government will reduce the size and footprint of the future mixed-use development.

For more information about the future Wentworth Point High School visit [edu.nsw.link/WPNHS](https://edu.nsw.link/WPNHS)

**Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning Prue Car said:**

“I am delighted we’ve been able to open Expressions of Interest for more enrolments at the future Wentworth Point High School for 2025 - coinciding with construction nearing completion on this fantastic new facility.

“The EOI will help determine the level of interest in opening Year 8 enrolments for 2025. Opening a Year 8 cohort is dependent on enough enrolment interest to ensure a full curriculum offering for students.”

“We’re committed to delivering a 1,500-place high school for the Wentworth Point community – something that the previous government failed to deliver.

“With work soon to get underway on the open space to be shared between the high school and wider community, local families can look forward to a first-class public education for their children close to home.”

**Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully said:**

“People bought in growing communities on the promise of future open spaces. The previous government couldn’t deliver on that promise, we will.

“Families with children will now have an outdoor play space, right on their doorstep.

“As we’ve said since coming into government with more homes comes more amenity for the community including open space.

**Member for Parramatta Donna Davis said:**

“The key to successful medium and high density development is open space and proper infrastructure.

“The NSW Government is delivering on my commitment to provide the residents of Wentworth Point with the park they were promised 10 years ago.

“When work progresses on the peninsula park later this year, it will unlock a previously inaccessible area for the local community that will be enjoyed for many years to come. It will be the final piece of the puzzle that turns the area into the vibrant community hub it deserves to become.”

**Wentworth High School Principal Melissa Johnston said:**

“It is a privilege to introduce myself as the foundation principal for Wentworth Point High School, ahead of our first cohort of students in 2025.

“I look forward to welcoming our students as we begin our learning journey together.”

For more information about the peninsula park, visit [landcom.com.au/wentworthpoint](https://landcom.com.au/wentworthpoint)

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