

Hornsby-Berowra High Schools

Community Consultation | March-April 2024

We want to understand what the Hornsby-Berowra community is looking for from their local high schools to ensure we are providing the right types of schools in the right locations for a growing population.

This new consultation aims to give the local community a chance to voice their opinions on co-educational and single-sex options specifically in the Hornsby-Berowra area.

What is the purpose of the consultation?

This comprehensive community consultation seeks to better understand parent and student decision-making regarding high school enrolment choices, including preferences relating to educational offerings within the Hornsby-Berowra area.

What are the proposals for future arrangements at Asquith Girls High School and Asquith Boys High School?

The options are:

- A. Retaining the existing arrangement where families can choose between Asquith Boys or Asquith Girls high schools and one existing co-educational high school (either Ku-ring-gai High School or Turramurra High School as per designated intake areas).
- B. Reclassifying Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls high schools to become two separate standalone medium-sized co-educational high schools, each servicing their own exclusive intake area community.
- C. One large co-educational high school model spread across the existing Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High School sites, comprised of one junior campus (Years 7, 8, 9) and one senior campus (Years 10, 11, 12) servicing a large intake area community.

Please note, in options B and C, Ku-ring-gai High School and Turramurra High School would each service their own exclusive intake area community, no longer sharing geographic drawing areas with single-sex high schools.

Has the outcome already been predetermined?

No decisions about future plans for the schools have been decided – these community consultations will inform any decision making about educational offerings in the Hornsby-Berowra area. Members of the Hornsby-Berowra community have been asking the Department for improved access to coeducational facilities for a long time and this consultation is needed to better understand the local context.



Am I voting for the option I like best?

The consultation itself is not a vote. We want to understand different community viewpoints about educational offerings. One of the survey questions will ask you to nominate your preferred future options for Asquith Girls High School and Asquith Boys High School however this is just one of a series of questions. All data collected will be considered along with other deciding factors when planning for future high school provision in the Hornsby-Berowra area.

Do you plan to build a new school in the area?

The community consultation is focussed on understanding local contexts and preferences regarding educational offerings – it is not about delivering a new high school.

What is involved in the consultation process?

The consultation process includes a short survey and optional workshops.

Who is facilitating the consultation?

The NSW Department of Education is facilitating the consultation process, drawing on a range of skills and expertise areas of school performance, school operations, communications, engagement, educational outcomes and school infrastructure across the department.

How is this consultation different to the recent intake area adjustments?

In 2022, changes were made to enrolment intake areas in the Hornsby-Berowra area to rebalance student enrolments and reduce student travel times. Feedback received at the time, during consultation with school communities, indicated that travel distances and options for co-educational schools were a priority for the community. The department recognises the need to gain further insight through this comprehensive community consultation process.

Where can I find more information?

You can find information about the Hornsby-Berowra community consultations on the NSW Department of Education website or email us at HornsbyBerowraConsultation@det.nsw.edu.au



To take part in the survey please visit edu.nsw.link/Hornsby/BerowraSurvey or by scanning the QR code.

