

Question on Notice
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Asked on 29 November 2022

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise whether the government has any plans to provide a new High School for families of Bellbowrie, Moggill, Anstead, Karana Downs, Mt Crosby, and surrounding suburbs?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education undertakes ongoing planning for new schools across the State with local governments and the non-state education sector. This work is supported by demand mapping meetings, led by the Queensland Schools Planning Reference Committee (QSPRC).

These meetings allow for cross-sectoral consultation with stakeholders from both state and local government, the Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO), and state and non-state education representatives.

QSPRC considers population trends, current and future residential development, and school capacity, with consultation underpinned by student population projections developed by the QGSO. The projections are informed by advice provided by local governments regarding land development and indicative timelines for development.

Demand mapping meetings were last held with Brisbane City Council on 28 November 2019 and Ipswich City Council on 19 June 2019. Results from these meetings are published on the QSPRC website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/school-types/new-schools/qsprc.

No new schools were recommended for the western Brisbane suburbs of Bellbowrie, Moggill, or Anstead; or the north-eastern Ipswich suburbs of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby or Karalee due to limited projected population growth.

Further detailed planning undertaken by the department has not identified the need for new schools in these areas, which are serviced by Kenmore State High School and Ipswich State High School. Projected future in-catchment enrolment growth can be accommodated within the existing school capacity and through future infrastructure growth projects.

A new series of cross-sectoral demand mapping meetings with high growth local government areas across Queensland will commence in 2023, following the release of updated population projections.