

Gamechanger for Hurstville Public

New sensory play space

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HURSTVILLE Public School is set to redefine inclusive learning with the construction of a modern sensory play space.

The project, a testament to community collaboration, has received key backing from the Community Building Partnership Grant Program. This space will be the first dedicated sensory play area within the Georges River Council Local Government Area.

While designed as a safe and enriching environment for all students, it incorporates features to support the needs of neurodivergent children. The space is engineered to be more than just a playground; it is a vital tool for development. By stimulating children's senses and promoting exploration, the area will encourage skills development.

It is a dedicated zone where play fosters significant cognitive, emotional, and social growth. The space



Hurstville Public School has opened a new sensory space for students. Picture supplied

includes a flexible layout with specific zones tailored to engage senses. There is a zone that encourages exploration through movement, featuring pathways with varying textures like rubberised matting and artificial grass. Hands-on interaction is invited with totem poles and a large freestanding abacus. There are textured walls and panels with soft, rough and bumpy materials, an auditory zone that promotes sound and rhythm play with out-

door musical instruments, including drums and a xylophone. Students will also find bright colours and scent-infused play dough. The calm corner is designated to allow children moments of rest and self-regulation.

The Hurstville Parents and Citizens Association and various community organisations including St Georges Anglican Church and Kingsgrove Community Aid have played a critical role in supporting the school's vision.

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The space will stand as a testament to what can be achieved through community partnership

Hurstville Public School Principal Mark Steed

Principal Mark Steed highlighted the collective spirit driving the project's success. "Everyone in the Hurstville community has been prepared to help and do their part to bring this sensory play space to fruition," he said. "With its completion, we challenge people in the wider community and society generally to create other spaces of this kind to continue supporting our young people, especially our neurodivergent young people."



Students welcome the new space with an Arabic drumming performance. Picture supplied

Proposed grant of easement over 20 Pearce Avenue, Peakhurst

Notice is given under Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* ('Act'), that a grant of easement over community land is proposed for the person listed below:

- **Address of community land:** 20 Pearce Avenue, Peakhurst (Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst).
- **Purpose of proposed easement:** To connect to a Council stormwater facility in the Reserve.
- **Term of proposed easement:** Perpetual.
- **Proposed easement grant to:** The proprietors of 18 – 20 Peake Parade, Peakhurst and 2 Pearce Avenue, Peakhurst. The location of the proposed easement is shown in yellow on the map below.



In accordance with Section 47 of the Act, written submissions may be made by any person to Georges River Council via email at property@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.

Please quote file reference 25/1331 in your submissions. Submissions must be received by Tuesday 13 January 2026. Objections must state reasons and explain how the proposal affects the person making the objection.

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Public hearing - Moore Park

A public hearing for the proposed reclassification of part of Moore Park (located at 33 Lobb Crescent, Beverley Park) will be held on 28 January 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Georges River Civic Centre, Corner MacMahon and Dora Streets, Hurstville.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Department's *Practice Note 16-001: Classification and Reclassification of Public Land through a Local Environmental Plan*.

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Feedback closes: 18 January

Draft Interactions with Children and Young People Policy
Feedback closes: 19 January

Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy
Feedback closes: 19 January



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