

Freshwater State School – Multi-purpose Hall Consultative Group

COMMUNITY UPDATE 2

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About the consultative group

The Department of Education is planning to deliver a new multi-purpose hall for Freshwater State School. The department has committed to providing this new facility for the school and, in consultation with the school community, will revisit location and design options.

The establishment of the Freshwater State School New Multi-purpose Hall Internal Consultative Group (the consultative group), which involves volunteer parents and carers, Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) members and current school staff, will assist the school community to work closely with the department's infrastructure team, actively contributing in face-to-face sessions to explore the location and design options for the hall.

This update reflects the Freshwater State School consultative group Meeting 2, held on Thursday, 22 May 2025

- The second meeting included a walkaround of the school site to familiarise group members with the site's spatial constraints, school infrastructure, and opportunities for the new hall.
- The group revisited discussions from Meeting 1, including the hall being a fully enclosed, single-court facility with passive climate design and the importance of preserving green space.
- In six small groups, participants considered location options for the hall using A3 maps and scale models and considered elements like tree canopy, flood zones, and site access.
- The six groups independently considered the ideal location option for the hall. In reporting back, it was clear there were three main options as several of the six were very similar. These location options will be considered and evaluated in more detail in Meeting 3.
- A draft scoring matrix was shared with the group. The evaluation matrix included a range of criteria drawn from departmental requirements and community priorities, with space for participants to suggest additional considerations.
- Group members suggested that the draft evaluation criteria assume that the solution will meet the minimum requirements for a basketball sized hall and that this in turn supports fulfilment of educational needs as an outcome of the hall itself. The group welcomed the opportunity to review the draft criteria, reflect on the importance of each, and think about how the matrix can be used to support a fair and balanced comparison of options.
- Draft criteria has been sent to group members asking them to provide their individual weightings against the criteria and any additional criteria prior to Meeting 3. Responses on weightings will be collated and both individual and collective weightings shown at Meeting 3 and agreed prior to applying to the three options, to develop the final recommended site location.



For more information about the department's plans to deliver a new multi-purpose hall for Freshwater State School, visit the Building Education website.



Members of the Freshwater State School New Multi-purpose Hall Internal Consultative Group will be actively seeking feedback from the community.



Questions about the department's plans to deliver a new multi-purpose hall for Freshwater State School can be directed to BuildingFutureSchools@qed.qld.gov.au.

