

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL IN NORTH GUNGHALIN

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD



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The Government has committed \$34.081 million, to build the Margaret Hendry School and adjoining two playing fields for use by the new school and local community in North Gungahlin.



This new modern school facility will cater for 176 preschool and 600 primary school students when it opens for Term 1 2019, providing capacity for quality public education in this high-growth region. The planning will also allow for the accommodation of an additional 150 primary school students, and potentially a year 7-10 expansion if required to cater for future growth.

The school will be the first community facility provided in Taylor, including two playing fields, and the wider community will be able to hire the school hall, oval and meeting rooms for a range of activities and gatherings.

The new school will also include a resource centre, canteen, out of hours school care facilities, and great outdoor learning and play areas. Like all ACT public schools, the new school will deliver the Australian Curriculum, with specific facilities to enrich learning in the arts, music, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to ensure we are equipping students for the best possible future. The new school will welcome its first students on the first day of the 2019 school year.

The Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) for the new school includes the suburbs of Moncrieff, Taylor and Casey, which is a shared PEA zone for Gold Creek School.

Several options for the school name, uniform and school logo were developed and the local community was invited to consider these by public vote/feedback during a community engagement process.

The new school will open in February 2019.

THE CONVERSATION

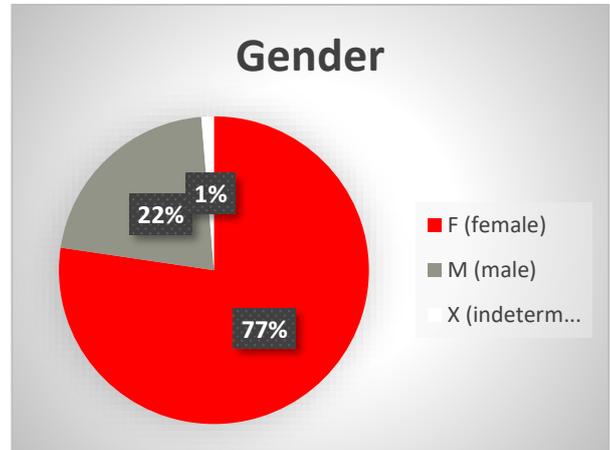
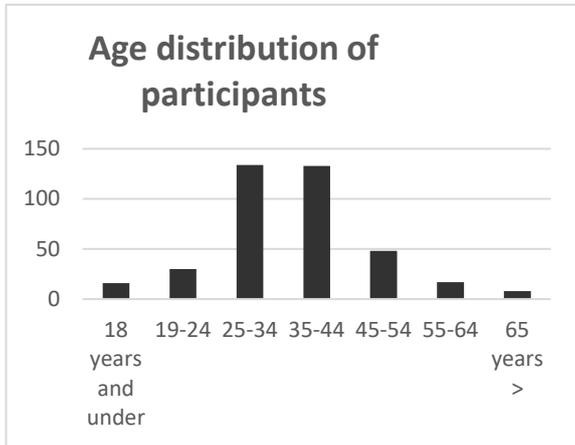
The Education Directorate asked for the views of local families, teachers, parents of school children, community organisations and the broader Canberra community through various means.

These included face to face meetings with residents, through Mingle events and initiatives, on social media, mailouts and an online engagement on [YourSay](#) from 30 May to 13 July 2018.

WHO ENGAGED

The consultation aimed to gain feedback from residents living within Moncrieff, Taylor and Casey who live within the Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) for the new school.

The YourSay survey attracted 2,071 views and 446 contributions.



Key insights from the community

1. Naming the new school

Margaret Hendry School was selected by the community as the favourite name for the new school.

The Education Directorate requested options, including Indigenous and female names from the Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information and the Place Names Committee and three options were chosen based on their cultural, historical or geographical significance to the local community. The options were:

- **Margaret Hendry School – 239 votes**
- George Kinlyside School – 129 votes
- Marion Mahony Griffin School – 78 votes

2. School uniform

The red/black uniform was selected by the community as their favourite uniform.

- **Red/black option – 153 votes**
- Red/blue option – 151 votes
- Green/red option – 142 votes

Concepts were created for the uniform, with design choices based on gender neutrality, ease of manufacture and distinctiveness from other schools in the area.



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3. School logo

The spots logo was nominated as the favourite school logo.



A series of designs were created, with each representing a significant area of the school, including themes such as the local plant and animal life, and references to the proposed names for the school.

- **Spots – 103 votes**
- Landscape – 88 votes
- Architectural – 67 votes
- Earth Layers – 53 votes
- Tree trunk – 52 votes
- Sun – 44 votes
- Golden Sun Moth – 39 votes

Key Timings

June/July 2018 – engage the community on the school name, uniform and logo options

July 2018 – assess the voting on the school name, uniform and logo

August 2018 – the school name, logo and uniform, as voted for by the local community, are announced

September 2018 – School Principal announced

The Principal will inform the school community about the school via the school website, social media, email, face-to-face meetings with residents and community groups.

4 February 2019 – new school opens

WHAT'S NEXT?

The new school will open on Monday 4 February 2019. If you have any questions regarding the school or enrolling your child, please email margarethendry@ed.act.edu.au or phone 02 6205 3313.

To find out more about the school visit <https://www.education.act.gov.au/Margaret-Hendry-School> or follow us on [Facebook](#) to connect with the school community before the start of the new school year.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

2,071 We reached 2,071 people via YourSay	46 We spoke to 46 individuals	37 We engaged 37 residents at the Moncrieff Mingle event	1,946 We reached 1,946 people via Moncrieff Mingle Facebook page
1,362 Homes in Moncrieff received our newsletter	471 We received 471 items of written feedback	446 We attracted 446 individual votes on YourSay	6 We made 6 posts to ACT Public Schools Facebook page