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Brighton Council welcomes high school site announcement

BRIGHTON Council has welcomed the State Government announcement that is will develop the promised new Brighton High School on a 10-hectare site on Elderslie Road.

Mayor Tony Foster said the announcement today by Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff, including advice that the first enrolments would be accepted in 2025, provided important certainty for the community.

Cr Foster said Council had been working for many years to secure the high school development to cater for the significant growth in the municipality and the surrounding region.

"Our population is relatively young and with hundreds of children travelling from Brighton for their education every school day, there is a growing need for the new high school here.

"State Treasury has forecast that Brighton will be Tasmania's fastest growing municipality over the next two and a half decades, with the population predicted to rise to more than 24,000 by 2045. It is vital the appropriate services and facilities are provided to cater for this population growth and the provision of education opportunities is vitally important in any healthy and growing community."

Cr Foster said that now the site had been selected, Council was looking forward to working collaboratively with the State Government to ensure the best, long-term provision of educational outcomes for the community.

"The High School project is consistent with Brighton Council's strategic planning for the growth and development of the municipality now and into the future. When construction starts, it will significantly stimulate local employment. The project will also unlock the coordinated development of Brighton's southern precinct as a new gateway to the town.

"I commend Minister Jeremy Rockliff for his commitment to the development of the new high school at Brighton. Today's announcement is a further step along the road to honouring that promise made prior to the 2018 State Election," Cr Foster said.

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