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## **Brighton welcomes progress on high school**

Brighton Council has welcomed the appointment of architects to design the new Brighton High School, announced by Education and Training Minister, Jeremy Rockliff.

Mayor Tony Foster said the appointment of Jaws Architects and Heffernan Button Voss Architects represented an important milestone in progressing the high school development towards its first student intake in 2025.

“I have long believed that education is a key to the growth and development of our community and the new high school is necessary to support our current and increasing population. Minister Rockliff’s announcement of the appointment of architects provides important certainty for the community,” Cr Foster said.

“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.”

“Brighton 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 and the architects’ appointment brings this yet another step closer.

“It is in line with a key focus of our recently adopted 2050 Vision ‘ensuring quality education and training to meet the needs of everyone’.

“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 co-ordinated development of Brighton’s southern precinct as a new gateway to the town.”

Cr Foster said Council looked forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the State Government to ensure the best, long-term provision of educational outcomes for the community.

“On behalf of Brighton Council and our community I commend Minister Rockliff for his support and the State Government for its commitment to this important project, honouring the promise made prior to the 2018 State Election,” Cr Foster said.

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