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Highlights

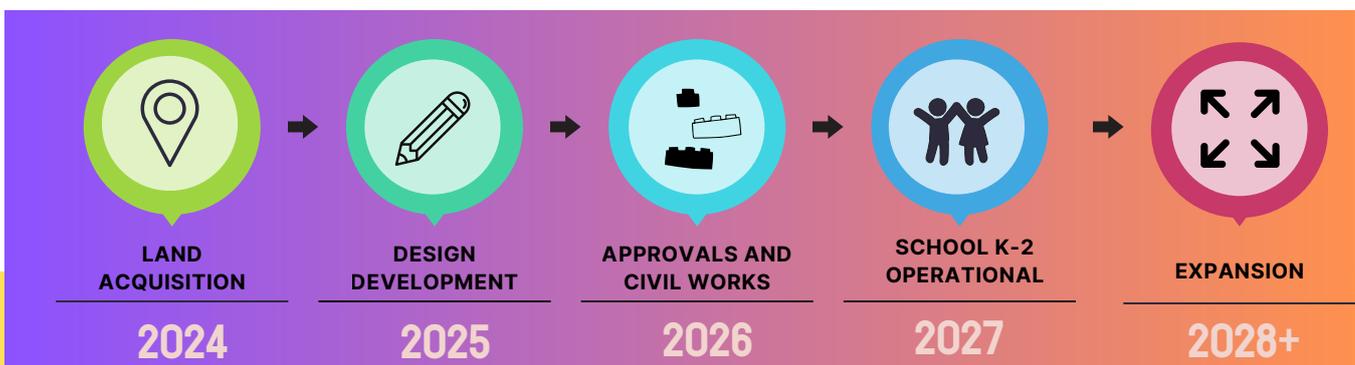
- On track to submit to NESA for registration by the 31st March 2026 deadline
- Concurrently progressing through the development of the initial curriculum draft
- The recruitment advertisement for the Foundation Principal is now live
- EOI for kindergarten to yr 2 is now open.
- Board in the process of appointing education subject matter experts
- The Sanatan School (TSS) entity is now established as the operator of the school

Mission

To provide a holistic education that integrates Hindu values, culture, and traditions with a modern curriculum, sparking a love for learning and service to the community.

Vision

Inspiring individuals through academic excellence and self-development by cultivating an appreciation for Hinduism.



Welcoming 2026

Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached.” — Swami Vivekananda

These timeless words resonate deeply at this pivotal moment in our shared journey. What began as a collective dream—to establish the first Hindu school in Australia—has evolved into a living mission, shaped by faith, seva, and countless hours of selfless dedication from committed volunteers like you.

With the February 2027 deadline fast approaching, we stand at a critical threshold. A strong foundation has already been laid through vision, perseverance, unity, and sacrifice. Now is the moment to renew our resolve, sharpen our focus, and move forward with renewed confidence and courage. Every contribution—big or small—brings us closer to creating an institution that will nurture character, culture, values, and excellence for generations to come.

Let us draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda’s call to purposeful action. Let us arise with clarity, remain awake to the responsibility we carry, and refuse to pause until this noble goal is fully realized. Together, as one committed community, we are not merely building a school—we are shaping a brighter future for generations yet to come.

The final stretch lies before us. Let us walk it with determination, humility, and unwavering faith, seeking the blessings of Almighty Gayatri Mata for the successful completion of this sacred and noble endeavour.



Hon PM Antony Albanese announcing the grant for the 1st Hindu School in Oakville-Sydney

DA Development/ Architects, Builders project manager contract confirmation

HEACC School Project – Construction & Planning Update

We are pleased to share that significant progress has been made on the HEACC School project over the past month.

An on-site visit was conducted by the appointed Architect and Construction Project Management team. During this visit, a detailed drone survey was undertaken that collected site-specific information relating to road access, stormwater infrastructure, electricity, and other essential services required to support the development of the school campus. This work is a critical step in ensuring the project is designed efficiently and delivered in line with regulatory requirements.

In parallel, we received and reviewed proposals from experienced town planning consultants to support the development approval (DA) process. Following recommendations and an internal review, approval has been granted to commence the initial planning phase, which will focus on:

- Detailed planning investigations
- Review of planning controls and site constraints
- Site inspection and consultant coordination
- Identification of the most appropriate approval pathway
- Engagement with Council through a formal pre-lodgement process

These early planning activities are essential to de-risk the project, confirm approval requirements, and set a strong foundation for timely delivery.

In addition, the HEACC team is planning to engage with the local Mayor and Member of Parliament to further strengthen community engagement and build momentum around this important project for our region.

We will continue to keep our community informed as the project progresses through planning, approvals, and into construction.

NESA Registration

HEACC is progressing with the NESA registration to meet the deadline of March 31st. The registration is a 6-step process and currently the team at HEACC is working with an AIS recommended consultant to develop policies and procedures for the proposed Sanatan School. In addition, the team is also working to develop the initial draft of the curriculum as well as in parallel start the process of on-boarding and recruiting a Principal and a Business Manager for the school.

A key aspect of the NESA registration process is to demonstrate financial viability of the proposed school. The team is separately working with a financial modelling consultant to develop a sustainable structure for the Sanatan school.

How can you help?

The team at HEACC is very keen to reach out to all educators and people with acumen and knowledge to teach the Sanatan curriculum. If you know someone, please do connect them with the team at HEACC. For further information visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EMio2ST3v/>

Next steps

Over the next few weeks, the team will finalize the remainder of the policies and procedures and start uploading the same to the NESA portal.

Deductible Gifts Receipt (DGR) Status

Tax deductibility progress: HEACC has commenced the establishment of a Public Ancillary Fund (PuAF) to enable tax-deductible donations and expects to receive ATO approval before the end of the current financial year-2026. On approval, donations/ advertisements will avail tax exemptions .

Legal and governance matters: Solicitors have been engaged to undertake key legal and governance work, including DGR endorsement, corporate structure, constitutional amendments for HEACC and TSS, and NESA registration requirements. Revised constitutions are anticipated to be presented to members at a Special General Meeting in March 2026.



Political Engagement

\$8.5 million in Commonwealth funding has now been formally approved by the Minister for Education, and the funds are currently in the process of being transferred to HEACC. This marks a critical step forward in turning our shared vision into reality.

We were also honoured to felicitate the Hon. Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, and Mr Andrew Charlton MP, Cabinet Secretary, in recognition of their passionate advocacy and steadfast support for this project. Their commitment has played a vital role in progressing this important initiative for our community.

Looking ahead, state-level political engagement will commence in 2026, with a focus on securing funding support and advancing planning approvals required for the establishment of the school. We will continue to keep the community informed as this next phase unfolds.”



Public Notice: Ministerial Decision of Approval of Approved Authority on Public Interest Grounds

Date of Publication

4/11/2025

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the construction of a Hindu School in Oakville, Western Sydney.

The Minister for Education (Minister) has approved a new Approved Authority, Hindu Education and Cultural Centre Ltd, under paragraph 74(1)(b) of the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) on public interest grounds.

This approval is required for the proposed school, The Sanatan School (seeking to be established and not yet offering education), to access capital funding under the Act.

This notice has been published within 7 days of the decision, in accordance with paragraph 74(2) of the Act.

This approval may be subject to conditions and exemptions to ensure appropriate oversight and compliance with the Act.

In approving the Approved Authority, the Minister is satisfied that it is in the public interest as the decision supports:

- Families in Western Sydney having choice and availability in accessing school education that has a cultural-basis within the Hindu faith.
- The inherent public value in providing access to a Hindu School in Western Sydney, noting that no such school exists at this time.
- The strong interest from the growing Hindu community.
- The Government's commitment to supporting parental choice and diversity in the schooling system.



Contribution Channels

1. One time contribution

This is through HEACC website (<https://www.heacc.org.au/contribute>) or direct deposit into HEACC bank account. Please refer to multiple categories on the website for details.

2. Recurring contributions

\$700 per month for 3 years granting **"Patron"** membership

\$300 per month for 3 years granting **"Ambassador"** membership

\$100 per month for 3 years granting **"Associate"** status

Monthly direct debits or direct deposits into HEACC bank account for 3 years

Interested in Volunteering??

JOIN US

<https://www.heacc.org.au/contactvolunteer>

Have any queries or feedback??

CONTACT US

<https://www.heacc.org.au/contact-us>

2025 Fund raising Activities

Over the past year, HEACC, together with its partners, has actively participated in a wide range of cultural and community events that strengthened engagement and generated vital fundraising support for our school project. From Navaratri Garba celebrations and regional sammelans to large-scale cultural programs and community dinners, these events have helped broaden awareness and deepen relationships across communities.

Three standout fundraising highlights from the year include:

1. Gujarati Samaj of NSW – Dr Jagdish Trivedi Fundraising Event (June 2025)

One of our most impactful initiatives, this exclusive event provided HEACC with prime visibility, an extended pledge window, and overwhelming community generosity. With strong backing from organisers Gujarati Samaj (NSW and ACT chapters), Dr Jagdish ji Trivedi, and the audience, combined funds pledged exceeding expectation.

2. Chaitra Navaratri Garba – Gujarati Brahman Samaj (April 2025)

A longstanding supporter of HEACC, the Gujarati Brahman Samaj contributed again this year, continuing their consistent and generous support for our mission.

3. FOIA Ganeshotsava (August 2025)

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, Friends of India Australia also contributed and provided HEACC with valuable stage time to showcase our vision.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all partner organisations, donors, and HEACC volunteers whose dedication continues to move our shared vision forward.



2025 Fundraising and Community Engagement events

Date	Event Name	Organising Body / Lead	Location	Purpose / Notes
Apr 2025	Akhil Australia Marathi Sammelan 2025	Marathi Association Sydney Inc.	Sydney	Community engagement and outreach
May 31, 2025	Geet Gaata Chal	Lomesh Ji	Sydney	Cultural program supporting community fundraising
Jun 21, 2025	Antiquity of Civilizations by Nilesh ji Oak	Optics Australia, HEACC	Sydney	Educational & cultural awareness event
Jul 12, 2025	Garba Night with Aditya Gadhvi	Gujarati Community	Sydney	Large-scale cultural fundraiser at Sydney Olympic Park
Aug 2025	History of Itihas – Movie Screening	HEACC	Sydney	Cultural and educational fundraising
Sep 6, 2025	Garba – DJ Friends & Family Event	Swadhyaya Parivaar- Pinkesh Ji	Sydney	Community-supported fundraising
Sep 10, 2025	HEACC Celebratory Dinner	HEACC	Sydney	Stakeholder engagement with Hon. Jason Clare MP & Hon. Dr Andrew Charlton MP
Oct 5, 2025	Raas Dandiya	Sahyadri Sydney	Sydney	Cultural celebration & fundraising
Oct 5, 2025	Garba	United Gujaratis of Australia	Sydney	Community fundraising event

Upcoming Fund Raising Activities

Shivaji Maharaj Drama details

The saga of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is brought to life on a scale never seen before. This is not just theatre, it is a time machine taking you back to the 17th century Maratha Empire.

Following well appreciated shows in Melbourne and Adelaide, this historical show is coming for the first time to Sydney.

Witness over 100 local artists, from ages 6 to 60, on a single stage.

A proud production from Janagarjana Melbourne, conceived, designed and executed entirely by our local community talent .

With cinema grade sets, traditional costumes and thunderous live soundscapes, the musical story transcends language. Whether you speak Marathi or not, the emotion and grandeur will captivate you.

The best bit? All proceeds from ticket sales go to HEACC and The Sanatan School, to fund our work for a brighter tomorrow for our kids.

Secure your seats at the fort...

Date: Saturday, 6th June 2026.

Venue: Marana Auditorium, Hurstville Entertainment Centre. 16, MacMahon Street, Hurstville. NSW. 2220.

Visit for tickets: <https://www.eventbaba.com.au/events/Maharaj-The-King-Musical>

Doors open at 3.45pm. Show starts at 4pm sharp.



For future fund raising activities watch out our website and social media pages
<https://www.heacc.org.au/events>

The Sanatan School



Now accepting expression of interest for full time classes commencing from February 2027 for
Kindergarten | Year 1 | Year 2



NSW Curriculum and Hindu Sanatan Values



79, Saunders Road, Oakville. NSW.
2765. Australia



Commencing February 2027 *

* Visuals are for representative purposes only | School commencement is contingent upon receiving necessary approvals from the NSW Department of Education.

Academic Excellence, Rooted in Sanatan Values



Modern Education:

NSW Curriculum, Sports, Arts, Language Excellence



Timeless Wisdom:

Meditation, Yoga and other Hindu inspired Values



Character Building:

Dharma, Viveka, Seva

Register your interest today
at <https://www.heacc.org.au/enrol>

Or scan this
QR Code!

