

Upgrades to Chatswood High School

Works notification

17 November 2021

Dear Community,

During recent earthworks as part of the upgrade of Chatswood High School, material containing bonded asbestos has been identified in stockpiles of excavated spoil within the Building S construction site (see map overleaf). Bonded asbestos is non-friable, which means it is attached to other material such as cement sheets or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

SafeWork NSW have been notified in line with standard legislative requirements and safety measures and monitoring have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff, the local community or workers. The material is located within the secure construction site and is not accessible by students, staff or the local community.

Remediation will be managed in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated and our contractor will receive a clearance certificate at the completion of the works. This is similar to the process that was followed for the demolition of high school Buildings C, D and E and public school Building I.

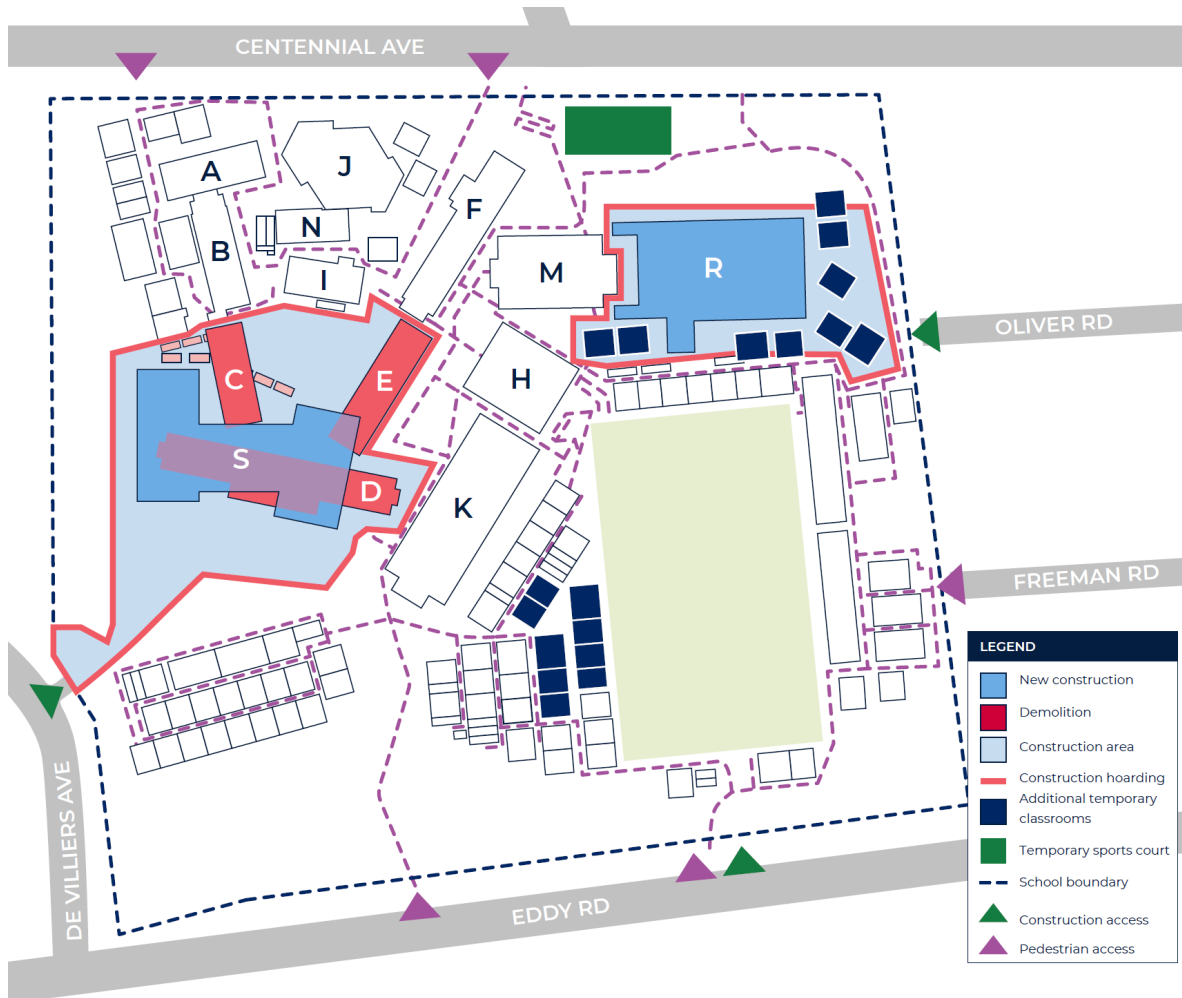
Air monitoring reports are shared weekly with the principal and this will continue while the remediation work is in progress. There has been no change to the air monitoring results following this unexpected find. All air monitoring samples collected have returned results consistent with acceptable ambient air levels (i.e. less than 0.01 fibres/mL as per the relevant National Occupational Health and Safety Commission guidelines).

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

If you would like further information, please contact the School Infrastructure NSW project team via the details below.

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Indicative map of Chatswood High School's current work zones

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