

Condell Park High School

Works notification | 22 September 2025

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, a project is underway to upgrade Condell Park High School to provide new modern facilities and refurbishment and landscaping across the existing school.

Remediation work extended

The planned remediation work (notified on 5 and 12 September 2025) has taken longer than expected. The work will now continue through until **Saturday 27 September 2025**. This was previously due to finish on Saturday 20 September 2025.

During construction as part of the Condell Park High School upgrade, asbestos containing materials was identified in the soil within the site. Testing has confirmed this material to be friable asbestos. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

The affected area is located entirely within the construction site which is separated by hoarding and inaccessible to staff and students. Works have ceased and additional safety measures have been put in place.

Independent asbestos hygienists and other experts are providing advice and recommended protocols are being followed

Air monitoring has been undertaken across the site and to date all results have been below the minimum detectable limit. This is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

These results represent a consistent finding that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area. Asbestos fibres pose a risk to health if airborne. In this case the evidence and advice from our hygienist is that there is not airborne asbestos in this area.

The remediation strategy is to safely remove the contaminated soil and dispose of it off site. At first, the material will be stored in a covered pile within a fenced area on the site, with air monitoring in place as per NSW WHS Safety regulation 2017 and Work Health and Safety Act 2011 guidelines. The contaminated material will be managed and controlled as per NSW Safe Work Codes of practice.

Once the contaminated material has been removed off site, clean soil will be imported to replace the removed soil. Removal will be undertaken in line with site operating requirements with truck movements avoiding school drop off and pick up times.

All work will be in accordance with work, health and safety laws, and the site-specific Asbestos Management Plan. 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.

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The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before construction restarts.

For more information about asbestos, visit the NSW Health website:

health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority. We will keep the community updated.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.