

Darcy Road Public School

Works notification | 30 June 2023

The upgrade of Darcy Road Public School will provide new permanent learning spaces and core facilities to support the growing population in Western Sydney.

The project will include the progressive demolition of existing school buildings to make way for new buildings. This means, the school will need to operate out of temporary facilities while the new permanent facilities are being built.

The temporary school facilities will be located on the eastern side of the school oval. The work to create the temporary school will be done in stages and we expect the school to move into their temporary facilities in late 2023.

Remediation works

During site establishment works for putting in the temporary facilities, fragments of asbestos containing material were found in several areas on the school oval. Testing was conducted by an independent hygienist and confirmed the material as bonded (non-friable) asbestos containing material. We are following all the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts.

The area is cordoned off within the construction site, remaining out of bounds to students and staff. Safety measures have been implemented including stockpiling suspected contaminated soil on a plastic sheet, covering with geofabric and installation of temporary fencing around the perimeter of the stockpile. Air monitoring is currently in place and will remain in place during remediation works.

The stockpiled materials will be removed during the upcoming school holidays (3 to 14 July 2023).

All work is taking place in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's 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, and based on assessment of site context and conditions.

The areas will be inspected by the independent hygienist to ensure they have been fully remediated and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate.

Should additional unexpected finds of asbestos containing materials occur during the works to put in the temporary school facilities, they will be remediated in accordance with an unexpected finds protocol, in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

