

Darlington Public School

Works notification

June 2022

A project is underway at Darlington Public School to deliver new facilities including learning and teaching spaces, a hall, a library, administration and staff facilities, a canteen and covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs).

Demolition works from 20 June 2022

From Monday 20 June 2022, the remainder of the former Darlington Public School buildings will be demolished. This includes blocks A and B, which front Abercrombie Street and Golden Grove Street. Demolition works are expected to take 3 weeks, weather permitting.

Demolition will be undertaken with large excavators with hydraulic hammers to minimise time, noise and vibration impacts. All internal structures will be taken down inside the building perimeter and external walls will be retained as long as possible to contain the demolition noise.

Rubble and waste materials will be loaded into trucks for removal inside the site and all vehicles will be covered before exiting the site. Dust suppression will be in place including wetting down.

Noise and vibration impacts will be managed in accordance with EPA guidelines and the approved development consent conditions, including reduced working hours with respite periods for this type of noisy work. See below.

Working hours

All work hours are in accordance with our planning consent, and remain the same as Stage 1:

- 7 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday
- 8 am to 1 pm, Saturday.

There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise notified.

Working hours for high noise emitting works are limited to:

- 9.00am to 12.00pm Monday to Friday
- 2.00pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
- 9.00am to 12.00pm Saturdays.

Remediation works

Stage 2 of the Darlington Public School upgrade includes demolition and excavation works. These works include making safe existing parts of the site where hazardous materials including asbestos and lead paint are present within existing buildings and the soil.

The material is to be remediated in line with hygienist advice over a period of three months starting from Monday 23 May 2022.

For more information contact:

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Safety measures and monitoring are in place to ensure there is no risk to the local community. The area is within the construction site and is not accessible by students, staff or the public.

Areas will be remediated in accordance with the Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan, SafeWork NSW regulations and site-specific management plans. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited 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. The project contractor will receive a clearance certificate before further construction activities commence.

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. Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

How will dust and noise be managed during construction?

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels will be managed in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Noise will be managed as best as possible during the construction, and dust as a result of demolition and excavation, will be hosed down as required.

Trucks taking deliveries from the site will have their loads covered. The site will undergo air monitoring during inground works and noise and dust will be appropriately managed throughout construction in accordance with the State Significant Development application consent conditions.

How will traffic impacts be managed during construction?

The contractor’s vehicle access to the site will be through the new Abercrombie Street access point. Movement of construction vehicles will be restricted at drop-off and pick-up times to limit congestion around the school.

Health and safety during construction

All work will be undertaken in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and construction impacts will be controlled in accordance with the relevant management plans, which are available to view on the project website. The health and safety of the school and community are our highest priority.

If you have any concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651, or the site manager out of hours (listed on the construction site entry). We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity.

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important school infrastructure.

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