

Darlington Public School

Main works commencement notification

1 March 2021

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). Early works began in December 2020 and are progressing well.

Darlington Public School main works

Main works are commencing for Darlington Public School from Monday 1 March 2021.

Construction works will be coordinated across two stages to prioritise safety and amenity, minimise disruption and maximise open play space.

Main works commencing is the start of Stage 1, which includes construction of a three storey building containing 12 innovative learning spaces, school administration area, library and preschool.

Stage 2 of the project is not expected to commence until 2022.

Working Hours

Working hours for the main works are:

- 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday
- 8:00am to 1:00pm, Saturday.

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

Main works asbestos management plan

As part of the main works construction, an asbestos management plan is in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. During excavation work when asbestos containing materials are moved around the site, the contractor will undertake the below precautions to ensure the safety of the school, the community and the workers onsite:

- The affected area will be isolated as an “exclusion zone” with fencing and signage. The works will be supervised by a Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractor. All workers entering the exclusion zone will be wearing the required personal protective equipment (PPE), as specified by the relevant regulations.
- Methods to control the spread of dust will be used for the duration of the works, and the site will have air monitors around the boundary of the exclusion area and along the site perimeter. In the instance the air-monitors detect potentially harmful material levels all works will stop. An investigation will take place and clearance will be obtained before work resumes. Workers and equipment will undergo a decontamination procedure prior to exiting the site. Once the area has been certified as

clear of asbestos containing materials by a qualified hygienist, clearance certificates will be provided in order to track the work conducted.

In addition to the exclusion zone, the site will have a further buffer zone created by the hoarding and the distance between the area and the school.

The previously identified material which contained fragments of friable asbestos has been removed from site. The material was removed by qualified hygienists in accordance with the project's Remediation Action Plan over a weekend.

All remaining material will be dealt with in accordance with the Main Works Asbestos Management Plan protocol listed above, and the Department's Remediation Action Plan.

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 kept to a minimum as best as possible during the construction, and dust as a result of demolition and excavation, will be hosed as required. Trucks making deliveries to 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 site remediation be managed during construction?

The site will be safely remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Management Plans and Safe Work NSW regulations. This work may involve removal of materials, or the safe covering of the ground with specialist methods in accordance with the Remediation Action Plan.

The work will be completed by licenced remediation experts and would be monitored in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The contractor is responsible for monitoring and ensuring all guidelines are being adhered to, working closely with SINSW.

How will traffic impacts be managed during construction?

The contractor's access to the site will be through the Golden Grove Street vehicle gate for stage 1, and an Abercrombie Street vehicle gate for stage 2. 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 regulation. All construction impacts will be controlled in accordance with the relevant management plans. 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. In an emergency, call triple zero (000). 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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