

Kingscliff Public School

Works notification

21 July 2022

Kingscliff Public School is being upgraded to provide new permanent teaching spaces and core facilities to cater for enrolment growth in the area. The scope of work includes replacement of all classrooms including demountable buildings, a new library, an extended hall with new canteen, new outdoor spaces and a redeveloped school entry.

Update on potential heritage find

On Thursday 16 June 2022 potential artefacts were identified within the footprint of the new Building 3 during excavation works. This included the discovery of bone material. The area was immediately cordoned off, and Heritage NSW, Registered Aboriginal Parties and local police were informed as per the protocol in the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan.

The bones were subsequently tested by the police forensic unit. The results of the testing confirmed the bones are not human remains. Testing and analysis by archaeologists also revealed a wide range of materials from the mid-century, likely to have been buried on site as waste prior to the school being constructed. This included fragments of glass, ceramics, soda bottles, cleaning and perfume bottles, all of which were analysed by the archaeologists.

The items assessed are not of State or Local heritage significance and are not classified as relics under the NSW Heritage Act 1977 and therefore do not initiate any formal reporting and or requirements under this legislation.

Next steps

School infrastructure NSW has received approval from the Department of Planning to restart works in the zone for the new Building 3. These works will restart, focusing on continued excavation and footings works.

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